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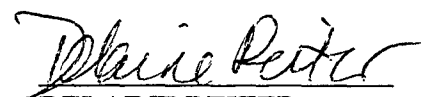
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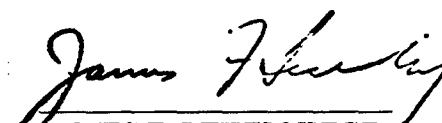
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Regional Densed Seismic Networks (RDSN) have additional as yet uninvestigated potential for discriminating weak local earthquakes and quarry blasts. Even conventional single station discriminants, such as P/S and spectral ratios are significantly improved, after averaging across the Israel Seismic Network, which consists of 36 short period stations. This report documents a study aimed at the development of new techniques specially designed for RDSN oriented discrimination: (1) subnet average of the seismic energy ratio between the low (1-6 Hz) and high (6-11 Hz) frequency ranges; (2) spectral semblance, measuring subnet spectral shapes coherency; (3) velogram analysis evaluating the different kinematic features of seismic waves for shallow and deep events.

The algorithms were tested on 212 events: earthquakes, quarry ripple-fired and single blasts, and underwater explosions from some areas of the Middle East region with a 97-100% success rate. The study of this physically approved algorithms was complimented by testing of the multivariate procedures based on formal Integrative Approach: King's clustering procedure, Linear Discrimination Function and Artificial Neural Networks. When applied to a vector of spectral parameters derived from the Galilee data base, they provided 99-100% of true classification in a cross-validation test. All the procedures are applicable to routine processing of seismograms, thus significantly improving discrimination performance.

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SUMMARY

The primary objective of this research is to utilize the advantages of the Regional Dense Seismic Network (RDSN) efficiently as a multichannel, spatially distributed system for discrimination of low magnitude events ($m_b < 2.5$). In this study the Israel Seismic Network (ISN) is used to discriminate between earthquakes and explosions in the Middle East region. This issue is most important for CTBT monitoring, especially with regard to small nuclear tests which may be conducted under evasive conditions.

We began with the application of conventional single station/array methods, such as P/Lg and spectral short period ratios, to the ISN. This led to the development of new RDSN oriented algorithms based on different spectral and space-time characteristics of seismic radiation from explosions and earthquakes, i.e., spectral semblance statistics and multi-channel velocogram analysis. These developments were followed by the integration of different approaches into a multidimensional procedure for the achievement of high automatic performance in routine operation of the RDSN.

Two hundred and twelve quarry blasts, underwater explosions and earthquakes within the magnitude range $M_L = 1.0-2.8$ and distances of 10-320km recorded by the ISN were selected for the discrimination study. Discriminants based on spectral features of seismograms appeared to be the most efficient. The analysis is based on smoothed (0.5 Hz window) FFT spectra of the whole signal, without picking out separate wave phases. The seismic energy ratio between the low frequency (1-6 Hz) and the high frequency (6-11 Hz) bands showed an overlap between quarry blasts and earthquakes. When averaging the ratios over a RDSN subnetwork, the resolving power is enhanced and the two classes of seismic events are separated.

We also computed rms spectral amplitudes in five sequential, equal frequency windows within the 1-11 Hz band and applied multiparametric classification procedures (i.e. Linear Fisher Discriminator, Artificial Neural Network and King's cluster algorithm) to the subnetwork averages of these data. The results of a leave-one-out test showed a low rate of classification mistakes for all the methods.

We developed and tested a new multi-station discriminant based on the Low Frequency Spectral Modulation (LFSM) method. The LFSM is associated with ripple-firing in quarry blasts and with the bubbling effect in underwater explosions. The method demonstrates a distinct azimuth-invariant coherency of spectral shapes in the low-frequency range (1-12 Hz) for a

broad range of distances (up to 320km) and for arbitrary delay times. The coherency of modulated spectra for different RDSN stations was measured by semblance statistics commonly used in seismic prospecting for phase correlation in the time domain. After modification, the statistics provided a complete separation of earthquakes and explosions.

Another new RDSN discriminant is based on velograms (signal envelopes versus group velocity). We measured velocities V_{ms} and V_{mp} at which the velogram reaches its local maximum S_{max} , P_{max} within the range 1-4 km/sec and 4-8 km/s, respectively. It was observed that the empirical relationship between V_{ms} and distance R (in the range 10-150 km), is different for blasts and earthquakes. This effect can be attributed to the different excitation of surface waves from these two types of seismic events and/or different S-wave group velocities for shallow and deep sources. A simple statistic, derived from the $V_{ms}(R)$ parametric approximation, provides true identification of the events.

As a part of the investigation we tested the P_{max}/S_{max} ratio, which worked well only for a small number of relatively strong events ($m_b > 2$) and coda discriminants, which failed completely, showing severe dependency on the SNR ratio.

Discrimination results for weak and remote events can be improved by application of the array technique, providing efficient enhancement of the signal-to-noise ratio. We began by analyzing the limited amount of data obtained from the micro-array deployed in the Negev desert, Israel, in June 1995. The initial results of experiments with beamforming and the implementation of a new phase correlation algorithm for detection and event characterization are optimistic.

1. INTRODUCTION

The monitoring of a Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT) requires the enhanced ability to discriminate between small earthquakes and man-made activities, e.g. mining, quarry blasts and explosions of different types. For example, a kiloton clandestine nuclear explosion carried out in a large cavity may lead to a seismic decoupling factor of 50 (Jarpe et al., 1996), with a magnitude m_b of 2.1, comparable with that of quarry blasts. Regional Dense Seismic Networks (RDSN) have an additional potential for detecting and identifying small seismic events; therefore a study devoted to RDSN-based discrimination between quarry blasts and earthquakes is of great importance.

Different amplitude ratios are used as regional discriminants. The most frequently used is the family of Pn/Sn, Pn/Lg ratios which, according to reports by Pomeroy et al. (1982), Taylor et al. (1989), Baumgardt and Young (1990), Dysart and Pully (1990), Hedlin et al. (1990) and others, are successful. A number of regional discriminants are based on spectral differences of earthquakes and explosions and various types of spectral ratios are used: ratios of separate wave phases, e.g. P to S, in selected narrow bands (see e.g. Baumgardt, 1993), or slopes of these spectral ratios in the entire recorded frequency range (Goldstein, 1995); ratios of peak, rms or average amplitude (or power) in different frequency bands for the same phase, mainly Lg (Pulli, 1986; Taylor et al., 1988; Bennett and Murphy, 1986; Baumgardt and Zigler, 1988; Suteau-Henson and Bache, 1988; Walter et al., 1995). The spectral ratio, R_E , of seismic energy in low-frequency and high-frequency ranges (Gitterman and Shapira, 1993) provided complete separation of earthquakes and underwater explosions off the Levant coast.

These short-period discriminants are heavily dependent upon the structure and constitution of the uppermost crust. Their performance varies from region to region and should be tested on a reliable database with ground-truth information in every case study. Most of the investigations mentioned were conducted for a single station or beamed array data. As shown by Kim et al. (1994), the discrimination effect of the single-station discriminant (P/S spectral ratio) is significantly enhanced when averaged over the New York State seismic network. We obtained similar results in this study by averaging amplitude P/S and energy spectral ratios over the ISN.

A fundamental coda wave characteristic is that its decay depends on the average properties of the region surrounding the source and station and is independent of any particular wave path. However, as shown by Su et al.

(1991) for the South-Central Mojave Desert and Eastern Transverse Ranges, coda decay rate Q^{-1} for quarry blasts was significantly higher than for earthquakes at low frequencies (1.5 and 3 Hz) for lapse time to about 30 sec. This result was explained by the predominant contribution of surface waves from quarry blasts. In this study we tried to test the applicability of the coda parameter to discrimination in the Middle East region.

One of the main spectral features used in the identification of industrial explosions is spectral modulation (SM) caused by ripple firing. Most of the studies are based on time-independent patterns for a single station or array, presented in spectrograms or sonograms of the whole seismogram (e.g. Hedlin et al., 1989, 1995; Kim et al., 1994), or in spectra of different regional phases (e.g. Baumgardt and Zigler, 1988; Der and Baumgardt, 1995). These discriminants are concerned mainly with spectral maxima at high frequencies (more than 10 Hz) reciprocal to a delay time. It has been argued that SM is not observable in the United States, because delay times were too short to be observed within the limited recording bandwidth (Bennett et al., 1989) and that the bandwidth should be extended to 80 Hz to resolve delays shorter than 25 msec (Baumgardt and Zigler, 1988).

A different multi-station approach based on the azimuth-invariant SM caused by ripple firing, considered jointly for RDSN stations, is discussed by Gitterman and van Eck (1993). A similar approach was also implemented for the identification of underwater explosions in the Mediterranean using an SM caused by the bubbling phenomenon (Gitterman and Shapira, 1993, 1994). The method utilizes low frequency (1-12 Hz) minima and demonstrates the distinct coherency of spectral shapes for broad ranges of azimuths and distances (10-320km), in the whole range of delay times (20-100 msec). In this study the advantages provided by RDSN are utilized in the newly developed discriminant based on coherency of spectral shapes for quarry blasts at different azimuthally distributed stations which is not presented in earthquake patterns. The coherency is measured by "semblance" and "cross-correlation" statistics used in seismic prospecting practice in the time domain and modified for spectral application.

Besides the above mentioned dynamic discriminants, it is possible to utilize kinematic features of seismograms. Earthquake foci are usually deeper than explosions with different physical properties of the media and surface and, therefore, their respective wave fields possess different kinematic characteristics. The experimental fact emphasized in many studies

(Kafka, 1990; Walter et al., 1996) is that explosions in the vicinity of the source generate very slow (1.5-2 km/s) fundamental surface Rayleigh waves, Rg, with low frequencies and high amplitudes as compared to earthquakes. Alexander et al. (1995), using data from quarry blasts, showed that Rg scattering into body phases shifts the total dispersion of the wavetrain towards lower group velocities. In spite of the above analysis, no direct study using group velocity measurements for discrimination has previously been performed.

In our investigation a new kinematic "velogram" discriminant based on the empirical relationship between the group velocity of S waves and distance, is developed, providing effective separation between local earthquakes and explosions recorded by the ISN.

An additional effect can be achieved by the Integrative Approach using a number of different physical signal features. Even a simple majority voting of several different physical discriminants (Wuster, 1993) provides an improvement in classification results. Simultaneous application of efficient multi-dimensional discrimination procedures, such as cluster analysis (King, 1967), linear or quadratic Fisher discriminators (e.g. Tsvang et al., 1993), artificial neural network (e.g. Dowla, 1995; Pully, 1995), to a group of statistics presented in the vector form, essentially enhances the resolving power as compared to an individual discriminator or majority voting. During the period covered by this report we began application of the Integrative Approach, including the above mentioned multi-dimensional discrimination procedures, to events from northern Israel with promising preliminary results. The performance of these algorithms was tested by the leave-one-out procedure.

Further enhancement of discrimination results for weak seismic events can be achieved by the implementation of the array technique due to effective noise suppression (Tsvang et al., 1993). We began realization of this study using data from a 13 station micro-array deployed in the Negev desert, Israel, in June 1995. The initial results with beamforming and testing of a new phase correlation algorithm (Gelchinsky et al., 1985) for detection and location are promising.

2. DATA COLLECTION

In this project 212 regional seismic events recorded by the Israel Seismic Network (ISN) were used to test different analytical discrimination procedures, both commonly used and newly-developed. The ISN is operated by the Seismology Division of the Institute for Petroleum Research and Geophysics (IPRG) (currently changing its name to the Geophysical Institute of Israel). The selected database covers a broad range of types of seismic events: ripple-firing quarry blasts, single quarry blasts, underwater explosions (UWE) and local earthquakes occurring in the region, as well as a variety of geographical-geological areas in Israel and surrounding regions: the Galilee and Tyre off-coast Mediterranean, northern Israel; the Dead Sea basin and Negev desert in the south; the Gilad region in Jordan and the Jordan-Saudi Arabia border (see map, Fig. 1). The seismic events are within the magnitude range $M_L=1.0-2.8$ and distance range 10-320km.

The local magnitude is determined from S-coda duration measurements (Shapira, 1988). It should be noted that magnitude estimates for open-pit quarry blasts and underwater explosions are rather rough and might be overestimated due to strong surface waves. A description of the network, arrival times, local magnitude determination and the original hypocenter locations used in this study may be found in "Earthquakes in and around Israel", Seismological Bulletins Nos. 6-10, 1988-1991, IPRG Seismology Division, Holon.

2.1 INSTRUMENTATION

The distribution of ISN stations is shown in Fig. 1. The network consists of short period (1 Hz) seismometers (either Teledyne-Geotech S-13 or Mark Products L4C). Signals are bandpass filtered (0.2 to 12.5 Hz), amplified and digitally recorded by the ISDA system (Shapira and Avirav, 1990) with a sampling rate of 50 samples per second. All seismograms used in the study are from vertical seismometers.

During the observational period the data were transmitted via FM telemetry to the National Seismology Center at IPRG. At present the Seismology Division is engaged in updating the Israel seismic network, implementing digital satellite telemetry with a resolution of 20 bit/word and a 50 Hz sampling rate.

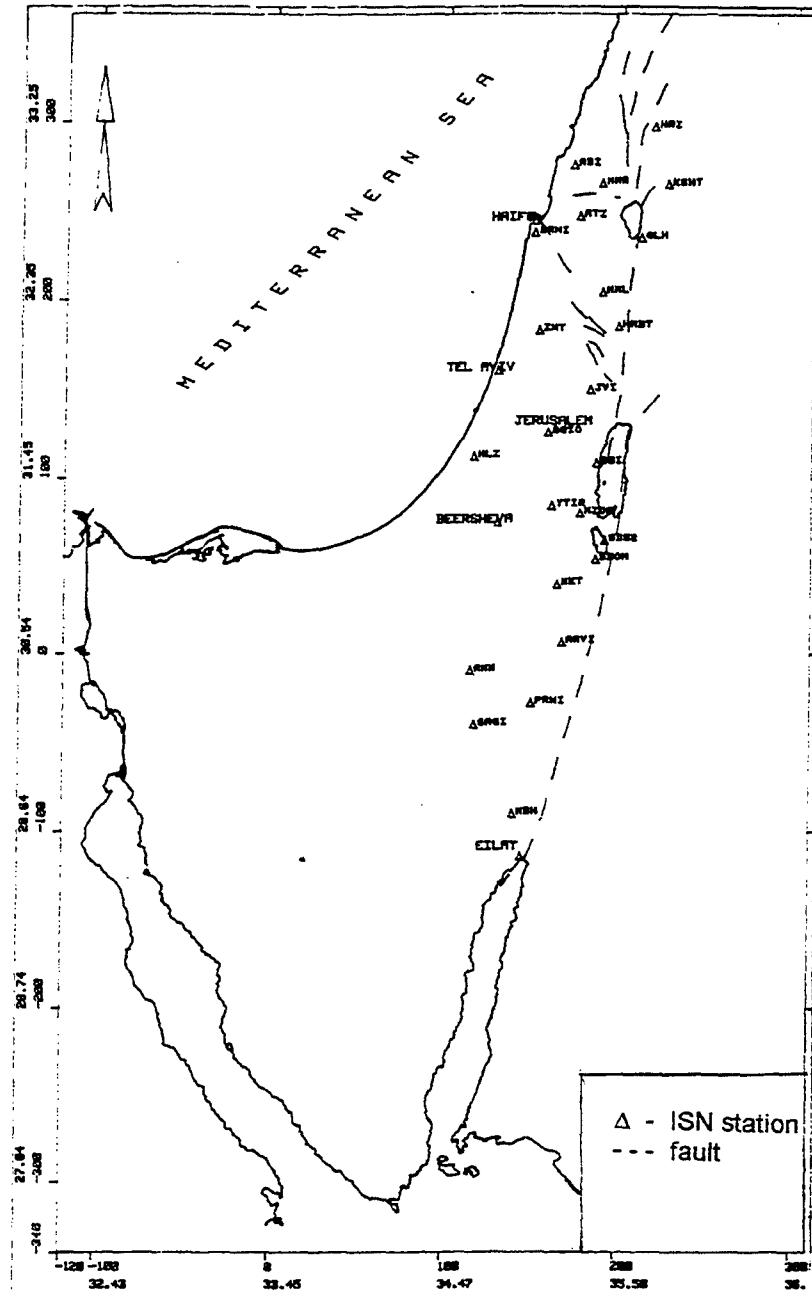


Figure 1. General view of the investigated region.

2.2 GALILEE GROUND-TRUTH DATASET OF EARTHQUAKES AND QUARRY BLASTS

The dataset includes 39 regionally recorded quarry blasts with ground-truth information and 30 earthquakes ($M_L=1.0-2.6$). All these events occurred in the Galilee region of Israel, relatively close to each other (a large part of this dataset was used by Gitterman and van Eck in their 1993 report). The event epicenters and quarry locations are shown in Fig. 2; earthquake and blast parameters are summarized in Table 1. Information presented in the open-pit quarries study is included in Table 2. The quarries in the Galilee mainly produce materials for construction of buildings and roads. We obtained information about the total amount of explosives used for all blasts and, in some cases, there are delay time values (usually 20-40 msec). This ground-truth information is routinely collected, based on telephone and fax communication with the quarries.

Over the years of ISN operation, quarry blasts were considered to be noise and, as such, no significant attempts were made either to locate them accurately or even determine their magnitude. Since this study requires true ground information, it was necessary to re-locate the events, match the computed locations with reports from the quarries and re-evaluate their magnitudes. For four small blasts ($M_L < 1.0$) we could not estimate magnitude (close to 1) accurately owing to limitations of the magnitude formulae. Owing to the relatively high density of stations in the Galilee, we consider the earthquake hypocenters to be accurately located. Nevertheless, we checked several earthquakes with zero depth and found better solutions for deeper (3-6km) sources.

At the request of Phillips Labs., waveforms of 50 events (30 blasts and 20 earthquakes) from the selected dataset, adjusted and supplied with necessary additional information, were sent via electronic mail for further study. The events will be used as part of the Ground-Truth Database (GTDB), compiled by L. Grant (Multimax) (personal communication). This regional dataset ("The Galilee Dataset") will be available through the World Wide Web, as a contribution of IPRG. The information includes CSS3.0 arrival tables (with some modifications and additions by F. Ryall), references for the network, event coordinates, ground-truth information, characterization of quarries, etc.

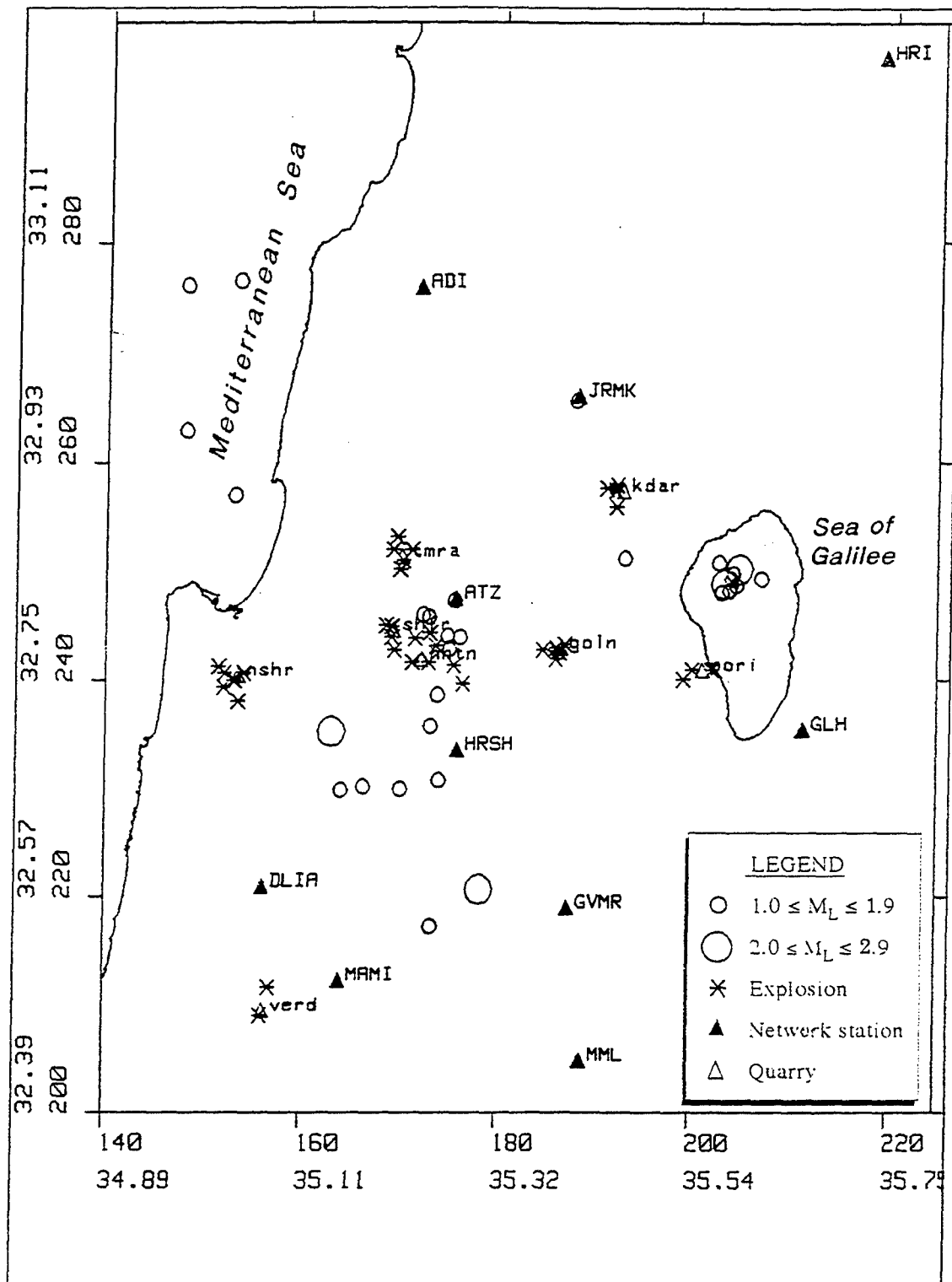


Figure 2. Epicenters of earthquakes, quarry blasts, quarries and ISN stations in the Galilee region.

Table 1. Seismic events in the Galilee region.

Event	Origin time (yr/mo/dy/hr/mn)	ML	X (km)	Y (km)	Depth (km)	Lat. (N)	Lon. (E)	Quarry/ Local area	Size (kg)	Delay (msec)
Quarry blasts										
EG1	8906201018	2.6	152.9	240.0	0	32.75	35.03	Carmel	12000	20
EG2	8911081109	1.9	171.1	241.7	0	32.77	35.23	Shefar	2500	40
EG3	9003271037	1.3	184.6	242.8	0	32.78	35.38	Golani	2800	
EG4	9004041301	2.4	151.4	241.3	0	32.77	35.02	Carmel	15000	20
EG5	9006121302	2.1	154.0	240.7	0	32.76	35.05	Carmel	13000	20
EG6	9006130743	1.7	170.1	251.1	0	32.86	35.22	Tamra	6700	25
EG7	9007231222	1.4	169.0	245.0	0	32.80	35.21	Shefar	1900	40
EG8	9007260957	1.5	168.4	245.1	0	32.80	35.20	Shefar	4200	40
EG9	9008120753	1.9	169.1	252.1	0	32.86	35.21	Tamra	6100	17&25
EG10	9008281424	1.7	176.3	239.7	0	32.75	35.29	Shefar	2100	40
EG11	9009111347	2.0	172.8	241.7	0	32.77	35.25	Hanaton	2500	
EG12	9010161405	2.2	152.0	240.7	0	32.76	35.03	Carmel	12000	20
EG13	9011061244	2.1	175.4	241.4	0	32.77	35.28	Hanaton	2500	
EG14	9012181224	2.2	202.0	241.0	0	32.76	35.56	Poria	3700	
EG15	9101091411	2.2	153.0	240.0	0	32.75	35.04	Carmel	12000	20
EG16	9102040852	1.8	171.0	252.1	0	32.86	35.23	Tamra	4200	
EG17	9102111255	2.0	200.0	241.0	0	32.76	35.54	Poria	2200	
EG18	9102121206	1.4	186.0	243.0	0	32.78	35.39	Golani	3200	
EG19	9103041333	<1.0	156.0	209.0	0	32.47	35.07	Vered	2640	
EG20	9103101242	1.4	186.9	243.3	0	32.79	35.40	Golani	5760	
EG21	9103121107	2.0	191.9	257.5	0	32.91	35.46	Kadarim	2750	
EG22	9103170920	1.3	169.8	250.3	0	32.85	35.22	Tamra	5000	17&25
EG23	9103211208	1.9	186.2	242.7	0	32.78	35.39	Golani	1800	
EG24	9103191014	<1.0	192.0	256.0	0	32.90	35.46	Kadarim	2584	
EG25	9103191402	2.3	151.9	239.4	0	32.75	35.02	Carmel	14000	
EG26	9104140831	1.5	169.5	253.3	0	32.88	35.21	Tamra	5520	
EG27	9104221043	1.7	191.0	257.7	0	32.92	35.45	Kadarim	4086	
EG28	9104221231	1.8	199.1	240.1	0	32.76	35.53	Poria	3900	
EG29	9104241621	1.3	173.5	243.2	0	32.78	35.26	Hanaton	3320	
EG30	9104301404	<1.0	169.0	244.0	0	32.79	35.21	Shefaram	5130	
EG31	9105061241	1.6	192.1	258.0	0	32.92	35.46	Kadarim	3500	
EG32	9105081305	2.6	153.4	238.1	0	32.74	35.04	Carmel	12000	
EG33	9105090846	1.7	169.3	242.8	0	32.78	35.21	Shefaram	4880	
EG34	9105121154	2.1	186.0	242.0	0	32.77	35.39	Golani	3300	
EG35	9105231341	1.8	186.0	243.0	0	32.78	35.39	Golani	3838	
EG36	9106171437	<1.0	171.4	243.9	0	32.79	35.23	Hanaton	3900	
EG37	9107281244	1.6	186.3	242.6	0	32.78	35.39	Golani	3000	
EG38	9107291325	1.7	156.8	211.6	0	32.50	35.08	Vered	3600	
EG39	9107291409	1.6	172.9	244.4	0	32.79	35.25	Hanaton	3280	
Earthquakes										
QG1	8710071515	1.9	173.9	230.8	12	32.67	35.26	Galilee		
QG2	8802241537	1.5	173.0	235.8	10	32.72	35.25	Galilee		
QG3	8803031315	1.1	173.7	238.7	12	32.74	35.26	Galilee		
QG4	8807292333	1.4	170.0	230.0	10	32.66	35.22	Galilee		
QG5	8808061449	2.1	162.9	235.3	12	32.71	35.14	Galilee		
QG6	8904140553	1.3	166.2	230.2	17	32.67	35.18	Galilee		
QG7	8908190917	1.7	176.0	244.0	21	32.79	35.28	Galilee		
QG8	9008112214	1.8	187.8	265.7	11	32.99	35.41	Galilee		

QG9	9008210622	1.8	163.9	229.9	16	32.66	35.15	Galilee
QG10	9009041644	1.5	152.9	257.1	12	32.91	35.04	Galilee
QG11	9009160941	1.6	147.9	263.0	12	32.96	34.98	O.C. Haifa
QG12	9011170730	1.2	174.7	244.1	17	32.79	35.27	Galilee
QG13	9012200002	1.5	173.2	217.3	3	32.55	35.25	Galilee
QG14	9012211524	1.5	202.6	250.9	23	32.85	35.57	Kineret
QG15	9101090230	1.1	174.9	242.9	20	32.78	35.27	Galilee
QG16	9101261746	1.2	172.8	245.9	6	32.81	35.25	Galilee
QG17	9101261903	1.2	172.2	246.1	7	32.81	35.24	Galilee
QG18	9101270305	1.6	175.4	247.4	8	32.82	35.28	Galilee
QG19	9102120832	1.4	193.0	251.3	8	32.86	35.47	Galilee
QG20	9102250633	2.0	178.2	220.7	21	32.58	35.31	Galilee
QG21	9104051808	1.4	153.2	276.6	17	33.08	35.04	Tyre
QG22	9104071718	1.3	204.4	248.8	12	32.84	35.59	Kineret
QG23	9104150121	2.4	204.7	250.3	14	32.85	35.59	Kineret
QG24	9104150503	1.5	202.9	248.1	4	32.83	35.57	Kineret
QG25	9104160638	1.9	204.1	249.9	6	32.84	35.59	Kineret
QG26	9104270713	1.2	207.0	249.4	14	32.84	35.62	Kineret
QG27	9105011436	1.2	203.9	249.4	0	32.84	35.59	Kineret
QG28	9105012047	2.2	203.2	248.9	6	32.84	35.58	Kineret
QG29	9105032207	1.0	203.7	248.3	6	32.83	35.58	Kineret
QG30	9105160250	1.7	147.8	276.2	10	33.08	34.98	O.C. Tyre

Table 2. Information about open-pit quarries presented in the study.

Name		short x(km)	y(km)	Lat.	Long.	Product
Golani	goln	186.5	243.0	32.782	35.397	aggregate, blocks, beton
Poria	pori	201.0	241.0	32.764	35.553	basalt, aggregate, beton
Revaya	rvya	194.5	205.0	32.439	35.480	
Shefaram	shfr	169.2	244.7	32.797	35.211	aggregate, asphalt, beton
Carmel	nshr	153.4	240.5	32.758	35.040	dolomites (constr., roads)
Tamra	tmra	170.0	251.5	32.858	35.220	carbonate, chalk, cement
Vered	verd	156.2	209.5	32.479	35.069	dolomites
Hanaton	hntn	172.0	242.0	32.773	35.241	dolomites (constr., roads)
PhosphArad	arad	170.0	60.0	31.131	35.210	phosphates
PhosphZin	pzin	158.0	29.0	30.851	35.082	phosphates
Dragot	drgt	157.5	79.8	31.309	35.078	phosphates
Aroar	aror	150.5	59.5	31.125	35.003	phosphates
Oceana	oce	186.5	68.5	31.208	35.385	salt aggregates
Kadarim	kdar	192.7	257.5	32.913	35.465	
Gilad		230.0	207.0	32.457	35.862	
Jordan		205.0	103.0	31.519	35.584	
Mt.Nitzim	ntzm	155.0	66.0	31.184	35.051	calcium carbonates

2.3 SOUTHERN GROUND-TRUTH DATASET OF EARTHQUAKES AND QUARRY BLASTS

The dataset includes 26 quarry blasts with ground-truth information and 16 earthquakes ($M_L=1.5-2.8$), occurring in the southern Dead Sea basin and Negev desert (see map in Fig. 3). The source parameters are presented in Table 3. The quarries in this region produce phosphates and various chemicals from Dead Sea deposits (see Table 2). Blasting of salt monoliths on the bottom (Oceana) requires only a few dozen kilograms of explosive, however, due to effective coupling of seismic energy in heavy salt water, these explosions radiate strong signals. For most of the blasts we obtained information from the quarries regarding the total amount of explosives. For the two events on the Jordanian side of the Dead Sea, we observed clear sonic waves striking the seismometers (see example in Fig. 4) from the seismograms. The locations of some of the blasts were corrected and magnitudes were determined.

2.4 TYRE DATASET OF UNDERWATER EXPLOSIONS AND OFF-COAST EARTHQUAKES IN THE MEDITERRANEAN

The dataset includes 16 UWE and 8 earthquakes ($M_L=1.0-2.5$), occurring off-coast Mediterranean in the Tyre region (see map in Fig. 5 and source parameters in Table 4). Unfortunately, since most of the man-made events are unauthorized fishing explosions and the reminder are naval activities, we were unable to obtain any additional information. The UWE usually occur in the morning hours, sometimes at intervals of several minutes (e.g. events EU5, EU6, EU7 in Table 4). Most of these events were used by Gitterman and Shapira (1994). The sea depth in the area of selected epicenters varies from 50 to 300m (Almagor and Hall, 1984). Charge weights for UWE possibly do not exceed a few dozen kilograms of explosives.

2.5 DEAD SEA GROUND-TRUTH DATASET OF EXPERIMENTAL UNDERWATER SINGLE EXPLOSIONS

A series of 78 single-shot underwater explosions was detonated in 1993 in the Dead Sea by the Tel-Aviv and Hamburg (Germany) Universities for seismic profiling in order to study the detailed structure of the crust in the Dead Sea transform fault zone. Seventy five of these UWE were recorded by the ISN. We selected 28 explosions of different sizes distributed uniformly on a line along the Dead Sea, as shown on Fig.3, for the analysis. Ground-truth information, including accurate coordinates, charge weight,

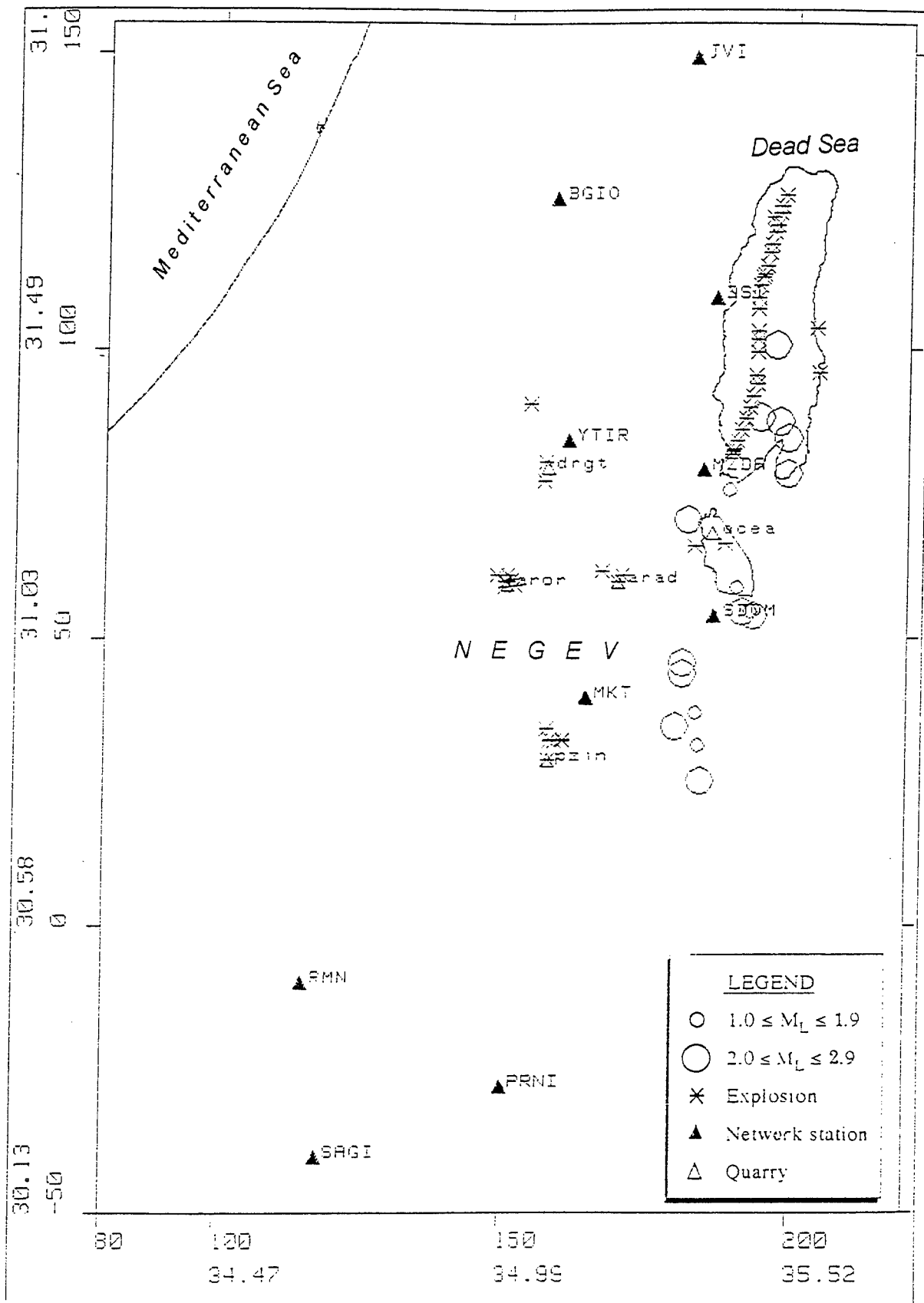


Figure 3. Epicenters of earthquakes, underwater explosions, quarry blasts, quarries and ISN stations in the Dead Sea and Negev region. Experimental single UWE for seismic profiling form a line along the Dead Sea.

Table 3. Seismic events in the Southern Dead Sea and Negev region.

Event	Origin time	ML	X	Y	Depth	Lat.	Lon.	Quarry/	Size
(yr/mo/dy/hr/mn)			(km)	(km)	(km)	(N)	(E)	Local area	(tons)

Quarry blasts (including UWE), road construction

ES1	8909240543	2.2	203.6	103.5	0	31.52	35.57	Jordan	
ES2	9003261352	2.0	204.0	96.0	0	31.46	35.57	Jordan	
ES3	9101011206	2.0	150.5	61.0	0	31.14	35.00	Aroar	10.5
ES4	9101020937	2.2	170.0	60.0	0	31.13	35.21	Arad	
ES5	9102061248	2.1	150.2	60.0	0	31.13	35.00	Aroar	7.4
ES6	9102140941	2.1	170.0	60.0	0	31.13	35.21	Arad	10.3
ES7	9103111012	2.3	158.6	32.5	0	30.88	35.09	Zin	7.8
ES8	9103121005	2.2	158.2	32.3	0	30.88	35.08	Zin	8.0
ES9	9103121231	2.2	151.6	60.3	0	31.13	35.02	Aroar	
ES10	9103160815	1.9	158.0	29.0	0	30.85	35.08	Zin	2.1
ES11	9104030830	2.0	159.2	32.3	0	30.88	35.09	Zin	8.8
ES12	9104141148	2.2	152.0	59.3	0	31.12	35.02	Aroar	9.1
ES13	9104160935	2.2	160.6	32.3	0	30.88	35.11	Zin	6.96
ES14	9104250809	2.3	160.6	32.5	0	30.88	35.11	Zin	1.7
ES15	9104301239	2.1	154.2	90.6	0	31.41	35.04	Dragot	3.15
ES16	9105201219	1.9	188.5	66.8	0	31.19	35.41	Okeana	
ES17	9105300817	1.7	160.7	32.5	0	30.88	35.11	Zin	8.44
ES18	9106040929	1.9	167.2	61.7	0	31.15	35.18	Arad	9.12
ES19	9106161256	2.1	150.0	60.0	0	31.13	35.00	Aroar	9.9
ES20	9106240847	2.5	157.9	34.5	0	30.90	35.08	Zin	3.6
ES21	9106251257	1.9	157.2	80.7	0	31.32	35.07	Dragot	3.6
ES22	9106270719	2.2	170.8	61.2	0	31.14	35.22	Arad	3.6
ES23	9107170827	1.5	183.4	66.2	0	31.19	35.35	Okeana	
ES24	9109 51413	1.9	156.8	77.6	0	31.29	35.07	Dragot	
ES25	9109201053	1.9	148.7	61.0	0	31.14	34.98	Aroar	10.44
ES26	9110071257	1.9	150.0	59.0	0	31.12	35.00	Aroar	10.5

Earthquakes

QS1	8901120345	2.2	194.3	88.5	18	31.39	35.47	Dead Sea	
QS2	8901120752	2.4	197.7	87.8	18	31.38	35.51	Dead Sea	
QS3	8908110029	2.4	182.2	71.0	18	31.23	35.34	Dead Sea	
QS4	9001130116	2.0	181.5	44.0	17	30.99	35.33	Arava	
QS5	9001141228	2.7	180.4	34.9	18	30.90	35.32	Arava	
QS6	9011161920	2.8	199.1	84.9	18	31.36	35.52	Dead Sea	
QS7	9102230059	1.9	183.8	37.2	24	30.93	35.35	Arava	
QS8	9106031202	1.6	189.1	76.2	21	31.28	35.41	Dead Sea	
QS9	9106232222	2.6	199.1	79.0	0	31.30	35.52	Dead Sea	
QS10	9109040811	2.1	181.4	45.9	2	31.00	35.33	Arava	
QS11	9109272224	2.6	191.5	54.7	11	31.08	35.44	Dead Sea	
QS12	9109301155	2.1	193.4	54.1	10	31.08	35.46	Dead Sea	
QS13	9110030128	1.5	184.3	31.5	17	30.87	35.36	Arava	
QS14	9110050744	1.9	190.5	58.9	18	31.12	35.43	Dead Sea	
QS15	9111170201	2.6	184.8	25.5	21	30.82	35.36	Arava	
QS16	9112240106	1.6	192.9	54.7	10	31.08	35.45	Dead Sea	

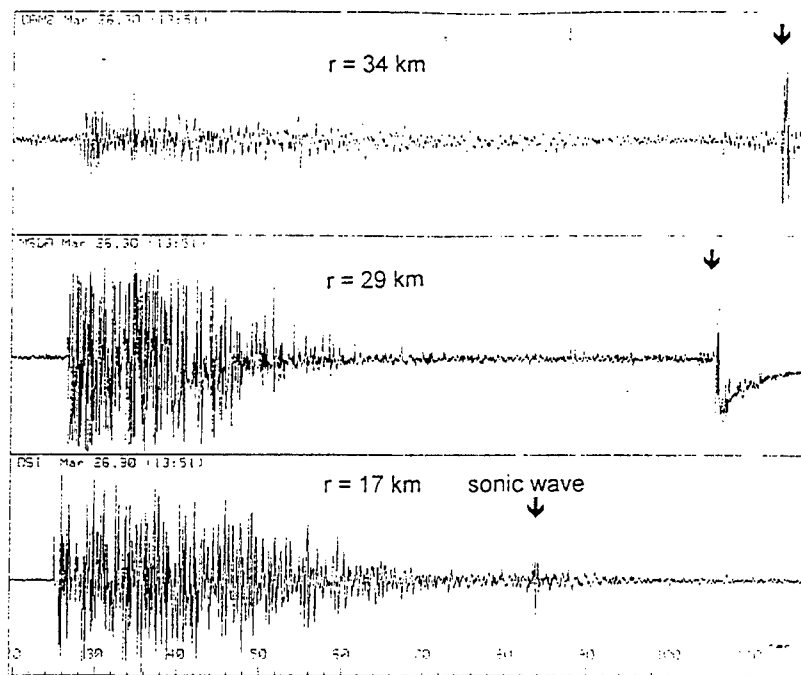


Figure 4. Seismogram of the event ES1 on the Jordanian side of the Dead Sea. Clear sonic waves are observed at closest stations.

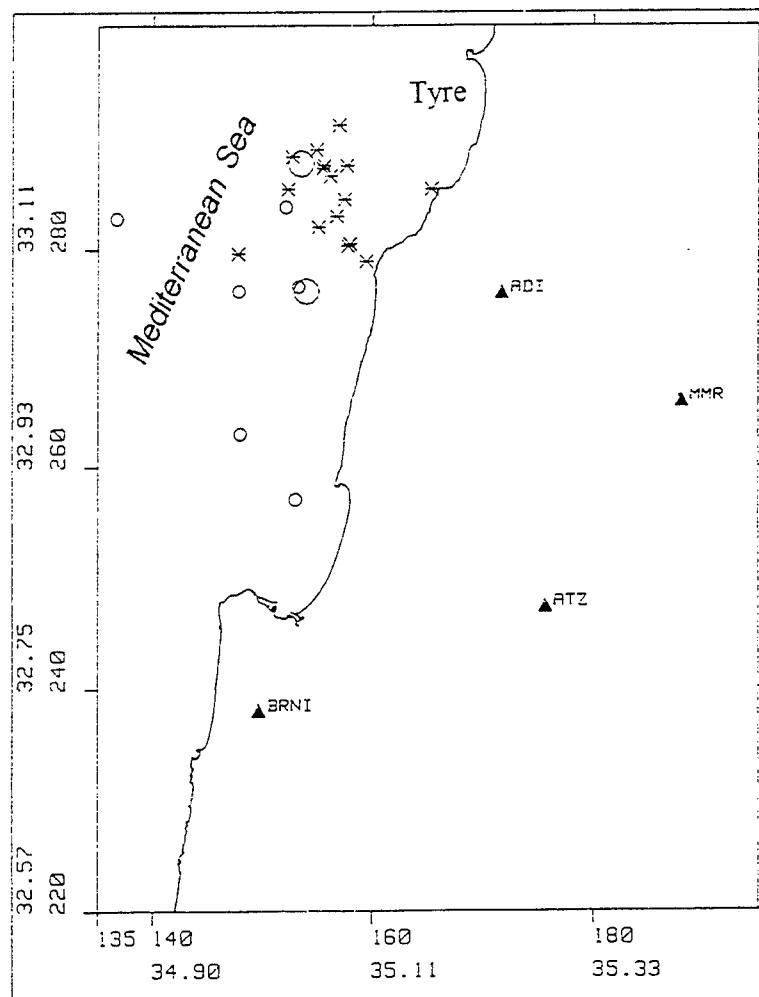


Figure 5. Epicenters of earthquakes and underwater explosions in the Tyre region of Mediterranean.

Table 4. Off-coast Mediterranean seismic events in the Tyre region.

Event	Origin time (yr/mo/dy/hr/mn)	ML	X (km)	Y (km)	Depth (km)	Lat. (N)	Lon. (E)	Local area
Underwater explosions								
EU1	9008250629	1.5	157.7	280.3	0	33.12	35.09	Tyre
EU2	9012010713	1.8	156.9	291.1	0	33.22	35.08	Tyre
EU3	9102101102	1.7	154.8	288.9	0	33.20	35.06	Tyre
EU4	9102110659	1.5	155.5	287.5	0	33.18	35.06	Tyre
EU5	9103190611	1.9	157.6	287.5	0	33.18	35.09	Tyre
EU6	9103190629	1.8	152.2	285.4	0	33.16	35.03	Tyre
EU7	9103190650	1.8	156.7	283.0	0	33.14	35.08	Tyre
EU8	9104140657	1.7	157.4	284.5	0	33.16	35.09	Tyre
EU9	9104180628	1.8	159.4	278.9	0	33.10	35.11	Tyre
EU10	9105300524	1.5	156.1	286.6	0	33.18	35.07	Tyre
EU11	9106090612	1.6	147.7	279.6	0	33.11	34.98	O.C. Tyre
EU12	9107110632	1.7	152.6	288.3	0	33.19	35.03	Tyre
EU13	9107110653	1.6	165.4	285.4	0	33.16	35.17	Tyre
EU14	9109070546	1.6	157.9	280.5	0	33.12	35.09	Tyre
EU15	9109070637	1.5	155.4	287.3	0	33.18	35.06	Tyre
EU16	9109070723	1.5	155.0	282.0	0	33.13	35.06	Tyre
Earthquakes								
QU1	8802231810	2.0	153.4	287.7	6	33.18	35.04	Tyre
QU2	8907072033	1.0	152.0	283.8	12	33.15	35.03	Tyre
QU3	9003131521	2.5	153.9	276.2	12	33.08	35.05	Tyre
QU4*	9009041644	1.5	152.9	257.1	12	32.91	35.04	Galilee
QU5*	9009160941	1.6	147.9	263.0	12	32.96	34.98	O.C. Haifa
QU6*	9104051808	1.4	153.2	276.6	17	33.08	35.04	Tyre
QU7	9104241857	1.8	136.7	282.8	10	33.14	34.86	O.C. Tyre
QU8*	9105160250	1.7	147.8	276.2	10	33.08	34.98	O.C. Tyre

* - an event is included also in the Galilee dataset.

underwater shot depth and local time of explosions, was kindly provided by Prof. A. Ginzburg (Tel-Aviv University) and is presented in Table 5.

Local magnitudes were evaluated for a few explosions of different sizes only and rather overestimated values were obtained, especially for the largest shot ($W = 304\text{kg}$), owing to long wavetrains of reverberations in the water layer.

2.6 JORDANIAN GROUND-TRUTH DATASET OF QUARRY BLASTS

The ISN regularly records many quarry blasts and road construction explosions from neighboring countries. Our Jordanian colleagues at the Jordan Seismological Observatory (Natural Resources Authority) provided ground-truth information about quarry blasts conducted in southern Jordan near the border with Saudi Arabia. The information includes the date and time of blasts, accurate locations, type and amount of explosive (see Table A1 in Appendix A). We selected five blasts which occurred in 1995 and which are clearly identified in the ISN bulletin. For some other earlier events, owing to non-accurate blasting time data, we came across the problem of reliable identification: two events at intervals of a few minutes and in very close proximity were recorded for almost each date. Parameters of the selected blasts (with locations, determined by ISN) are presented in Table 6 and the epicenters are shown in Fig. 6.

2.7 SINGLE QUARRY BLASTS GROUND-TRUTH DATASET

Commercial blasts without delays (i.e. non-ripple fired) differ in their temporal and spectral features from conventional ripple-fired blasts. There are only very few quarries in Israel using such blasting techniques a few times a year. They are usually of low yield and not all of them are recorded by the ISN. After a long search we selected 10 events from two quarries located in different areas (see map in Fig. 6 and Table 6). It should be noted that these are not concentrated explosions, but rather a group of shot holes, distributed in space along a horizontal bench and fired almost simultaneously.

Table 5. Underwater explosions for seismic profiling in the Dead Sea
(shots 70 m under the sea level).

Event	Origin time (yr/mo/dy/hr/mn)	ML	X (km)	Y (km)	Lat. (N)	Lon. (E)	Size (kg)
EX1	9301280827	3.1	189.7	82.7	31.33	35.42	304
EX2	9301281043	.0	189.6	82.3	31.33	35.42	24
EX3	9301281103	.0	189.7	82.8	31.34	35.42	24
EX4	9301281203	.0	189.9	83.2	31.34	35.42	24
EX5	9301281237	.0	190.4	84.6	31.35	35.43	24
EX6	9301281354	2.0	191.1	86.4	31.37	35.44	24
EX7	9301281446	.0	191.7	88.3	31.39	35.44	24
EX8	9301281541	.0	192.5	90.2	31.40	35.45	24
EX9	9301281638	.0	193.0	92.1	31.42	35.46	24
EX10	9301290456	.0	198.0	126.3	31.73	35.51	24
EX11	9301290636	.0	197.4	124.3	31.71	35.50	24
EX12	9301291006	2.5	195.9	122.6	31.69	35.49	192
EX13	9301291155	.0	197.1	123.3	31.70	35.50	24
EX14	9301310829	.0	193.6	94.1	31.44	35.46	24
EX15	9301310916	.0	193.5	95.6	31.45	35.46	24
EX16	9301311138	.0	193.6	99.6	31.49	35.46	24
EX17	9301311242	.0	193.6	101.6	31.50	35.46	24
EX18	9301311321	.0	193.6	103.1	31.52	35.46	24
EX19	9301311449	.0	193.6	106.8	31.55	35.46	24
EX20	9301311528	.0	193.6	108.7	31.57	35.46	24
EX21	9301311621	.0	193.9	110.7	31.59	35.47	16
EX22	9301311729	.0	194.4	112.2	31.60	35.47	16
EX23	9301311741	.0	194.5	112.7	31.62	35.47	16
EX24	9301311921	.0	195.0	114.1	31.62	35.48	24
EX25	9301312030	.0	195.5	116.3	31.64	35.48	24
EX26	9301312118	.0	195.7	117.8	31.65	35.49	24
EX27	9301312246	.0	196.6	121.0	31.68	35.49	24
EX28	9301312301	.0	196.3	120.0	31.67	35.49	16

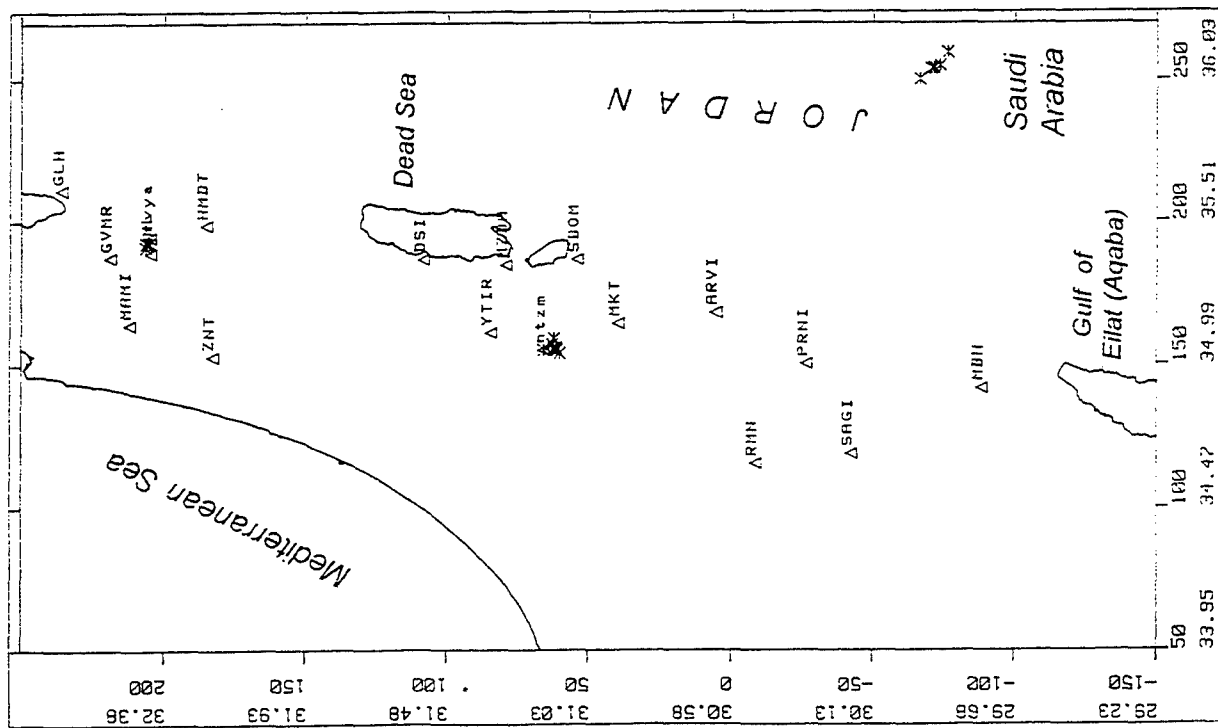


Figure 6. Epicentres of Jordanian quarry blasts and single quarry blasts

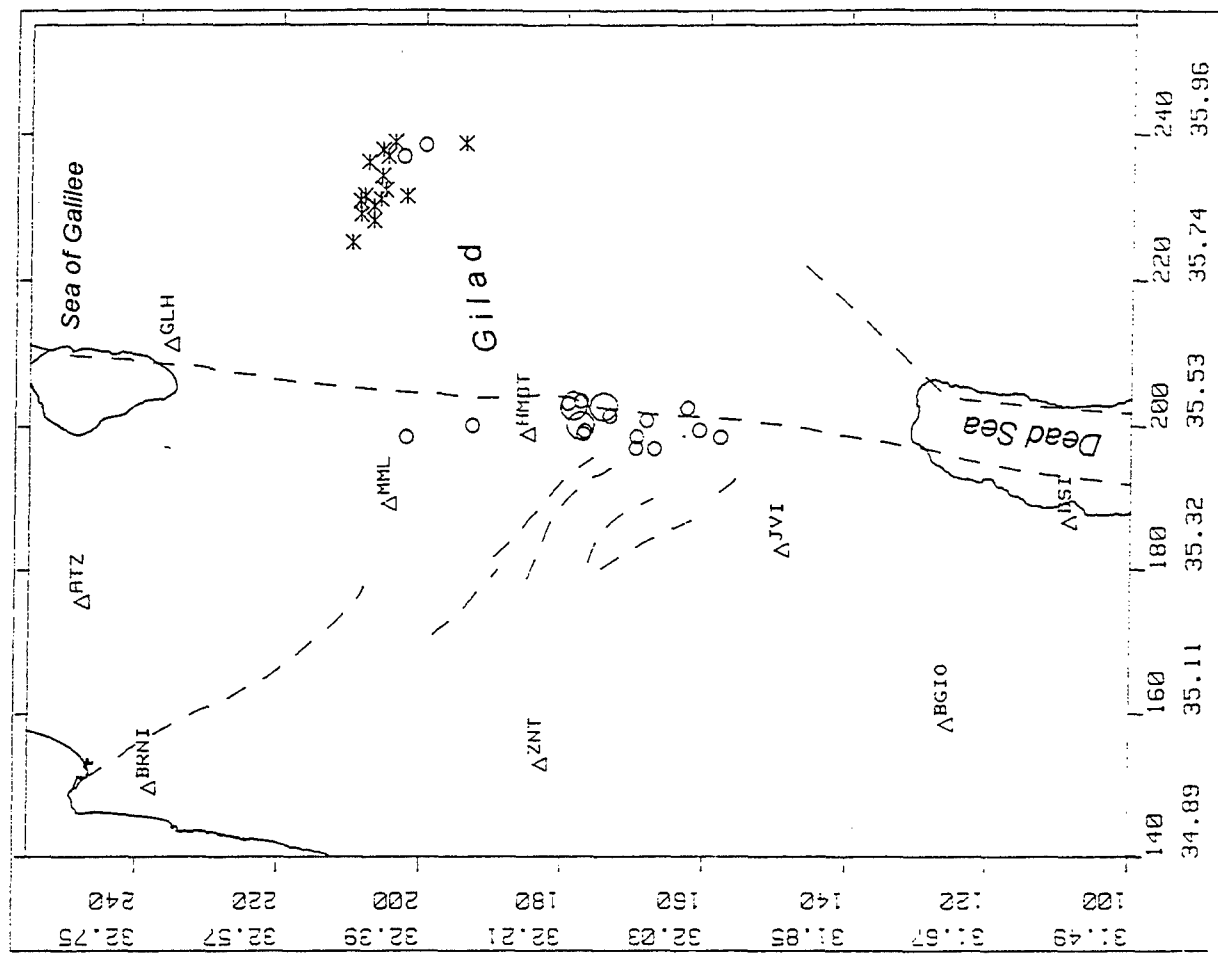


Figure 7. Seismic events in the Gilad region (Jordan).

Table 6. Jordanian ripple-fired quarry blasts and single quarry blasts

Ev.	Origin time (yr/mo/dy/hr/mn)	ML	X (km)	Y (km)	Depth (km)	Lat. (N)	Lon. (E)	Quarry/ Local area	Size (kg)
Jordanian quarry blasts									
EJ1	9504021020	2.3	254.8	-73.6	0	29.93	36.09	Jordan/S.Ar.	16500
EJ2	9504040931	2.3	250.1	-66.5	0	29.99	36.04	Jordan/S.Ar.	14750
EJ3	9504240746	2.1	259.5	-76.4	0	29.90	36.14	Jordan/S.Ar.	15900
EJ4	9504250911	2.0	253.7	-70.4	0	29.95	36.08	Jordan/S.Ar.	14800
EJ5	9504300849	2.3	253.9	-71.4	0	29.94	36.08	Jordan/S.Ar.	17000
Single quarry blasts									
SB1	9505280842	1.8	192.5	205.6	0	32.44	35.46	Revaya	2180
SB2	9506020917	2.3	191.0	206.8	0	32.46	35.44	Revaya	2840
SB3	9506150709	1.7	192.4	206.6	0	32.45	35.46	Revaya	1946
SB4	9505021026	2.0	155.6	62.3	0	31.15	35.06	Har Nitzim	2400
SB5	9506011046	1.9	159.1	62.3	0	31.15	35.09	Har Nitzim	2200
SB6	9601090952	1.4	155.8	61.3	0	31.14	35.06	Har Nitzim	1220
SB7	9601161243	1.3	155.0	66.0	0	31.18	35.05	Har Nitzim	880
SB8	9602041044	1.6	153.9	60.2	0	31.13	35.04	Har Nitzim	2400
SB9	9603030908	1.7	154.9	61.3	0	31.14	35.05	Har Nitzim	2300
SB10	9603241018	1.5	157.0	62.9	0	31.16	35.07	Har Nitzim	1900

Table 7. Seismic events in the Gilad region (Jordan),
and results of the velogram analysis.
($V = a + b \cdot \ln(R)$ fit. $C = b + 0.33 \cdot a$;
Preliminary filtering 1 - 10 Hz, Butterworth filter 21 coef.).

Event	Origin time	ML	X	Y	H	c	c*
	(yr/mo/dy/hr/mn)		(km)	(km)	(km)	(km/s)	(km/s)
EXPLOSIONS							
ED1	9009201347	1.7	232.3	205.4	0	0.63	
ED2	9103021348	1.9	238.7	194.2	0	0.54	
ED3	9103211303	2.1	234.2	205.9	0	0.64	
ED4	9106301052	0.0	225.0	210.0	0	0.91	0.62
ED5	9112171531	0.0	231.0	206.0	0	0.59	
ED6	9204061519	2.3	231.5	208.3	0	0.57	
ED7	9204271430	0.0	236.1	207.8	0	0.60	
ED8	9205051326	0.0	236.9	205.1	0	0.69	0.68
ED9	9205271012	0.0	228.9	208.8	0	0.55	
ED10	9205280910	0.0	238.9	204.1	0	0.56	
ED11	9207080539	0.0	230.0	207.0	0	0.55	
ED12	9207261256	0.0	228.0	207.0	0	0.38	
ED13	9208101309	0.0	230.7	208.9	0	0.70	0.67
ED14	9210201426	0.0	237.8	205.8	0	0.50	
ED15	9301250926	0.0	231.4	202.4	0	0.59	
EARTHQUAKES							
QD1	9002110011	2.1	202.7	178.6	9	0.84	
QD2	9002121343	1.9	198.4	202.2	12	1.10	
QD3	9002122121	0.0	196.8	169.8	0	0.81	
QD4	9002160530	1.6	203.4	177.6	12	0.76	
QD5	9003212150	2.0	202.6	174.4	2	0.73	
QD6	9006040047	0.2	200.0	192.9	7	0.85	
QD7	9103131159	1.6	236.9	202.9	16	0.81	
QD8	9104271058	1.1	196.7	167.2	0	0.70	
QD9	9105072131	1.1	201.3	173.5	6	0.83	
QD10	9105100127	1.3	200.7	168.3	12	0.82	
QD11	9110162256	2.2	200.0	177.6	6	0.85	
QD12	9109020226	1.4	198.3	158.0	16	0.72	
QD13	9204051202	1.9	202.4	162.6	9	0.84	
QD14	9208061619	1.3	199.3	160.9	0	0.69	
QD15	9208080048	1.8	198.4	169.7	2	0.82	
QD16	9210262004	1.4	238.5	199.9	12	0.97	
QD17	9211010341	1.8	199.2	177.0	6	0.77	
QD18	9211140957	1.4	198.8	177.2	5	0.77	
QD19	9212051607	1.3	203.1	179.4	19	0.75	

2.8 GILAD DATASET OF QUARRY BLASTS AND EARTHQUAKES

The dataset includes 15 explosions and possible explosions and 19 earthquakes (classification according to the ISN bulletin) occurring in the Gilad region (see map in Fig. 7). All explosions are located in Jordan. Although we could not obtain ground-truth information for the blasts (conducted 3-4 years ago), this dataset was included in the analysis to provide a greater variety of geological environment. Locations of most of the blasts, presented in Table 7, are concentrated in a small area, possibly associated with the Gilad quarry (see Table 2, correct name and accurate coordinates of the quarry are unknown). The epicenter scatter can be explained by unfavorable mutual position of ISN stations and the quarry. Most of earthquakes are located along the Dead Sea transform between the Dead Sea and the Sea of Galilee, except for two which are located in the explosion cluster (Fig. 7), but were identified as earthquakes by an analyst in routine processing.

3. DISCRIMINATION METHODS USED IN STUDY AND TESTING ON THE GALILEE DATASET

3.1 SPECTRAL DISCRIMINANTS

3.1.1 Procedures and Parameters of Spectral Processing

We computed the Fourier spectra (FFT) of ground motions recorded by an ISN subnet, including 10 stations in the distance range 10-100 km (Fig. 2). For many events, due to noise, spikes and malfunctioning of a station, only some of these 10 stations provided seismograms suitable for the analysis. Computations are made for a time window of 20-30 sec. The analyzed window for an event is the same for all stations and includes the whole signal. Using this window we were able to avoid picking out separate wave phases (which is actually hardly practicable at these distances) and accumulate information about source (and possibly propagation) features being kept in all wave forms, thus enhancing resolving power of the considered discriminants. The spectra were instrument corrected and smoothed with a triangular operator (Hanning window) in a fixed 0.5 Hz moving window to provide equivalent spectral resolution for different stations. The log-log plotting mode of a single event spectra for a subnet of azimuthally distributed stations was used, facilitating clear identification of the coherent LFSM extrema for quarry blasts in the higher part of the frequency range.

3.1.2 Energy Spectral Ratio

It is commonly observed in Israel that seismograms of explosions are richer in low frequency energy as compared to earthquakes. The phenomenon is caused by the dominant surface waves generated by quarry blasts and associated with the regional crustal structure of widespread unconsolidated subsurface sediments. We utilized this effect in the spectral ratio, R_E , of seismic energy in the low frequency range (f_1, f_2) and the high-frequency range (f_2, f_3) (Gitterman and Shapira, 1993):

$$R_E = \frac{\int_{f_1}^{f_2} |S(f)|^2 df}{\int_{f_2}^{f_3} |S(f)|^2 df} \quad (1)$$

where $|S(f)|$ is the smoothed FFT of ground velocity for the whole seismogram and the recording frequency range was divided for the analysis as $f_1=1$ Hz, $f_2=6$ Hz, $f_3=11$ Hz.

This energy spectral ratio, implying evident physical meaning, is similar to the ratios of average spectral amplitude (Bennett and Murphy, 1986) or power spectrum (Pulli, 1986). The ratios determined for a subnetwork of 10 ISN stations are presented in Fig. 8. A little overlap between quarry blasts and earthquakes is observed for specific stations (ADI, ATZ, MML, HRSH) (Fig. 8a). If the ratios for different events are averaged over several stations of the subnetwork covering a relatively broad azimuth and distance range (Fig. 8b), the resolving power is significantly enhanced and the two populations of seismic events are fully separated. Average ratio values are presented in Table 10. Several earthquakes (QG23-QG28) from a small area in Lake Kinneret (the Sea of Galilee), located exactly on the Dead Sea fault (Figs. 1 and 2), show anomalous high ratios (see Fig. 13b). In general, we can suggest that seismograms yielding an average ratio $R_E > 6.4$ are associated with quarry blasts. According this criterion, earthquakes QG23, QG25, QG28 and blasts EG3, EG8 are marginal events.

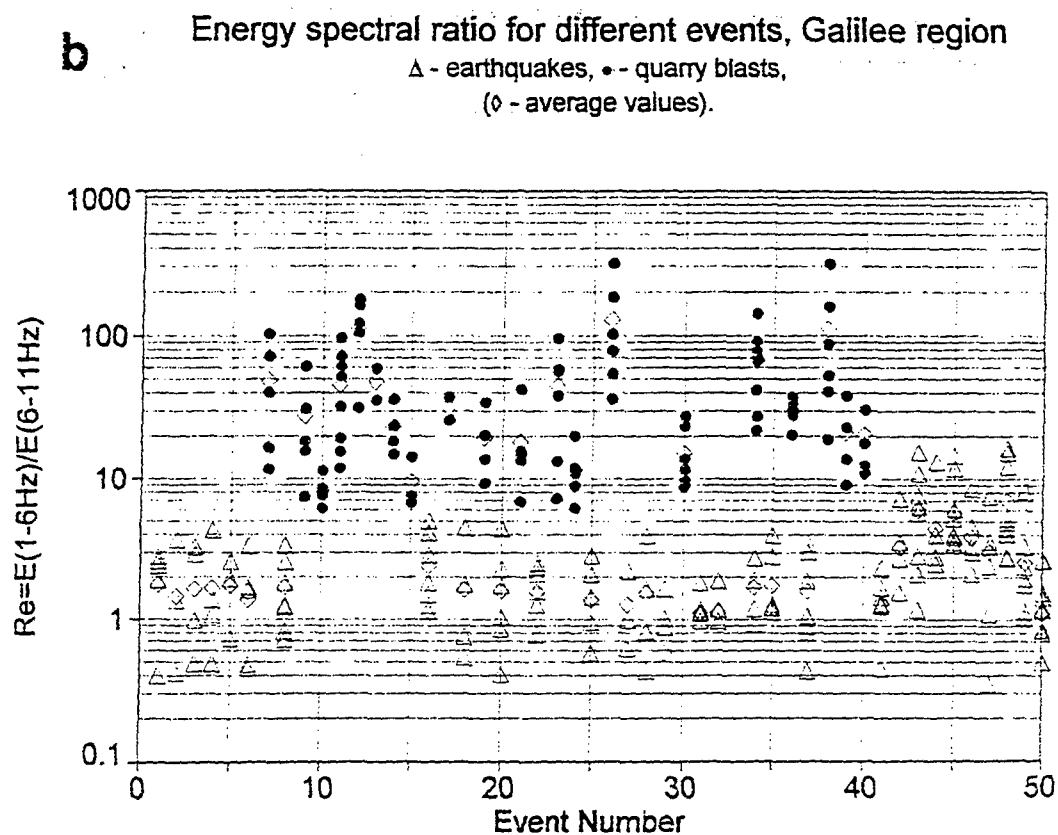
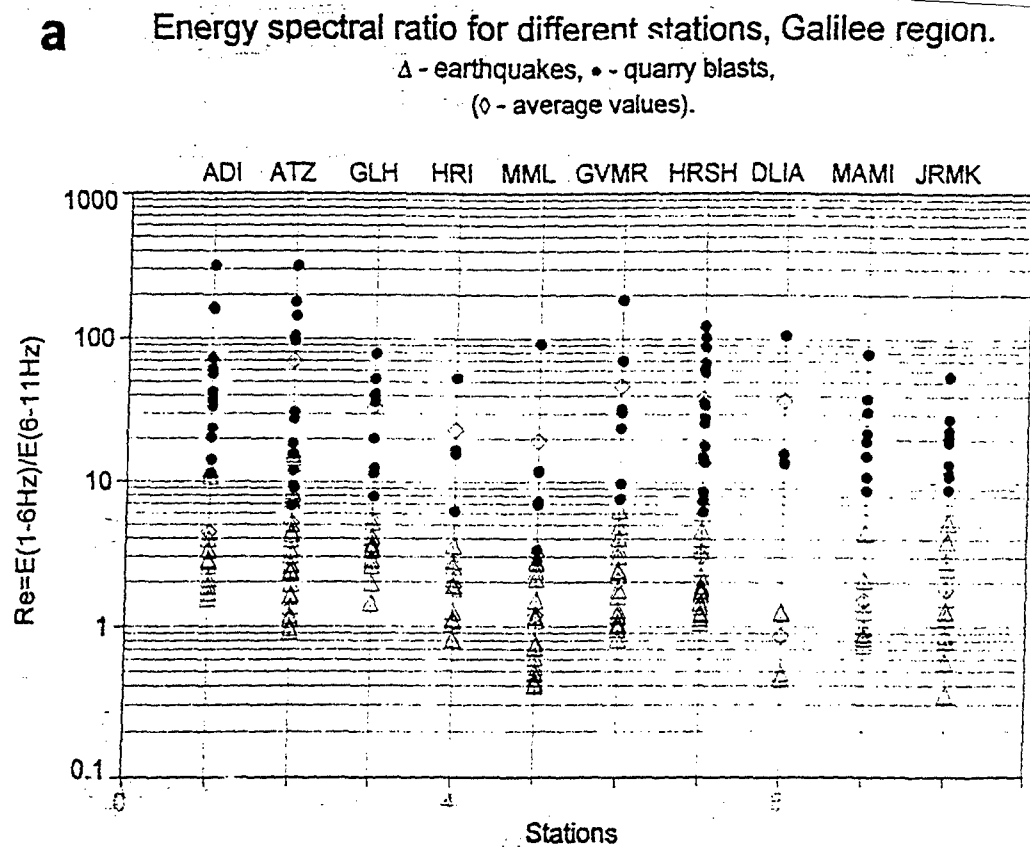


Figure 8. Energy spectral ratios for individual stations of the ISN subnetwork (a), and for different events (b). Diamonds show average values for each of two event populations.

3.1.3 Multidimensional Automatic Discrimination Procedures

During the period of this report we began investigating the Integrative Approach by application of Linear Discrimination function (Fisher) (LDF), Artificial Neural Network (ANN) and the King's cluster analysis procedure (CAP) to the data from the Galilee dataset. LDF is commonly used in the seismology statistical discrimination procedure based on the assumption that the X vectors of observational parameters generated by two stochastic (physical) mechanisms H_1 and H_2 (earthquakes and explosions), are described by a Gaussian distribution with equal covariance matrices, S , and different means, M_1 . The optimal decision rule, based on log-likelihood ratio function $V(X)$, is as follows (Tsvang et al., 1993):

$$\{\text{assign } X \text{ to } H_1, \text{ if } V(X) > 0 \text{ and assign } X \text{ to } H_2, \text{ if } V(X) < 0\}$$

$$\text{where } V(X) = F_1(X) - F_2(X) = 2(M_2 - M_1)^T S^{-1} X - M_1^T S^{-1} M_1 + M_2^T S^{-1} M_2.$$

In practice, S and M_1 are unknown and estimated from the training set during the learning stage. The assumption that $S_1 = S_2$ is rarely realized. However, the algorithm usually works well even if covariances S are different.

We used the ANN program, which was kindly provided and described by Dr. F. Dowla (LLNL) at our request. A multilayered feed-forward architecture of the network (Dowla et al., 1990, Dowla, 1995) is shown in Fig. 9. This network is a classic example of a supervised learning network applying a backpropagation learning algorithm to associate inputs with corresponding outputs for all or most of the events in a training set. This algorithm uses a gradient descent method to systematically modify the weights in the network so as to minimize the network output error.

The CAP is a modified, nearest neighbor, step-wise clustering procedure in which clusters with the closest centers of gravity are united at each step (King, 1967). Initially the number of clusters is equal to the number of data points. From step to step the number of clusters is reduced with one cluster comprising all the data points in the last step, number N . The algorithm separates the data points into several classes without any preliminary knowledge of their structure and is most useful for preliminary analysis of data.

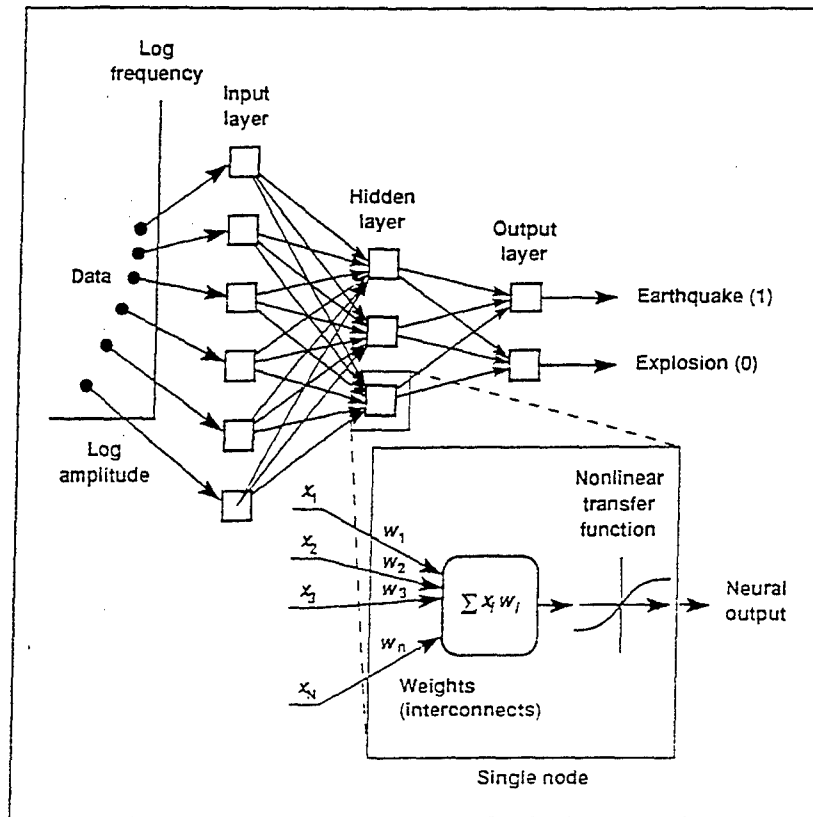


Figure 9. Architecture of the backpropagation neural network.

Classifier performance is often specified by the rate of mistakes: earthquakes, incorrectly specified as explosions plus explosions incorrectly specified as earthquakes. If a classifier is applied to the same data base which was used for training, the results are too optimistic and do not characterize its performance accurately. For the small database of 69 Galilee events, the leave-one-out method (Fukunaga and Hummels, 1989) can be applied. The method evaluates classifier performance by removing a single event from the database, learning on the remaining events and testing on that single event. The procedure is repeated for all the data points and the rate of mistakes is encountered which, in general assumptions, converge to the probability of mistake.

The training dataset was formed as follows: We selected smoothed spectra of event records as described above, divided the whole frequency band (1-11 Hz) into several equal intervals and computed the rms of spectral amplitude in each of them. The rms values were normalized to the maximum to eliminate dependence on event magnitude and distance and averaged over the 10 mentioned stations, forming the vector X. The one-leave-out procedure was then applied to test LDF and ANN performance on the Galilee dataset. The number and rate of mistakes is presented in Table 8. For the CAP we simply counted the number of wrong points assigned to the "earthquake" or "explosion" clusters.

The results of the test present an example of the optimal selection of the feature vector X and classification algorithms, providing a minimum mistake rate. According Table 8 both LDF and ANN show their best performance when the frequency interval (1-9 Hz) is divided into four bands, although ANN shows error-free performance in four and five bands cases, while LDF has one mistake at best. The CAP procedure lags behind (for the selected dataset).

In Fig. 10 the results of the leave-one-out test for the ANN and LDF are presented in the case of five spectral bands. Fig. 10b shows that there are only two explosions, wrongly assigned to earthquakes according positive values of LDF (see Eq. 2), but there are about 13 more marginal events. Fig. 10a shows error-free performance of the ANN with high reliability of the decisions obtained, except for event QG28.

Results of the application of the three procedures to every event from the Galilee dataset are presented in Table 10: CAP for the four spectral bands case (1-3, 3-5, 5-7 and 7-9 Hz) and LDF and ANN for the five spectral

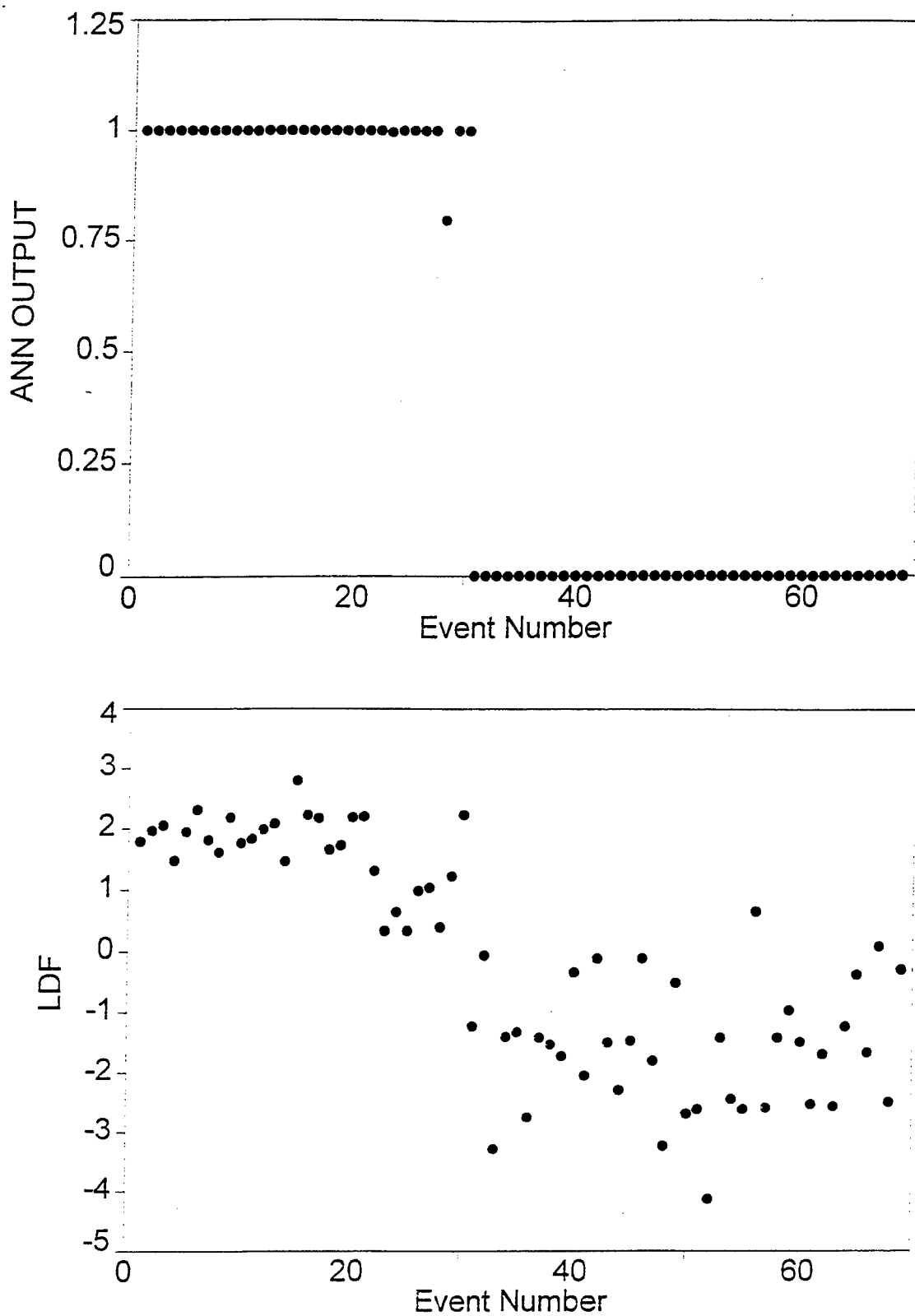


Figure 10. Testing of multidimensional discrimination procedures for the Galilee dataset (1-30 - earthquakes, 31-69 - explosions): (a) ANN output, (b) LDF values. Input is a vector of spectral r.m.s values in the 1-9 Hz range, divided into 5 equal intervals.

TABLE 8
NUMBER/RATE OF MISTAKES IN MULTIDIMENSIONAL AUTOMATIC DISCRIMINATION TEST
PROCEDURE ON THE GALILEE DATASET

NUMBER OF BANDS	FREQUENCY INTERVALS, Hz	PROCEDURE		
		LDF	CAP	ANN
1	1-3	10/0.145	8/0.115	11/0.159
2	1-3, 3-5	8/0.116	2/0.029	10/0.145
3	1-3, 3-5, 5-7	3/0.043	3/0.043	1/0.014
4	1-3, 3-5, 5-7, 7-9	1/0.014	3/0.043	0/0
5	1-3, 3-5, 5-7, 7-9, 9-11	2/0.029	5/0.072	0/0
10	1-2, 2-3, 3-4, 4-5, 5-6, 6-7, 7-8, 8-9 9-10, 10-11	2/0.029	3/0.043	1/0.014

TABLE 9
AN AVERAGE CRUSTAL MODEL FOR ISRAEL AS USED IN THE STUDY

N (km)	DEPTH (km)	THICKNESS (km/s)	P VELOCITY (km/s)	S VELOCITY (km/s)	DENSITY	QP (g/cm ³)	QS
1	2.00	2.00	4.00	2.31	1.93	100	50
2	3.00	1.00	4.50	2.60	2.09	120	60
3	8.00	5.00	5.70	3.29	2.48	200	100
4	13.00	5.00	6.00	3.46	2.58	400	200
5	20.00	7.00	6.30	3.64	2.68	600	300
6	28.00	8.00	6.50	3.75	2.75	1000	500
7	halfspace		8.00	4.62	3.24	2000	1000

Tab. 10. Discrimination results for the Galilee dataset.

Ev.	P/S	C,km/s	Re	smb. cor.	smb. cor.	CAP	LDF	ANN		
F.band	1-10 Hz		1-11Hz	1 - 12 Hz	1 - 7 Hz	4bands	5bands			

Quarry blasts										
EG1	1.01	0.60	74.0	0.90	0.88	0.82	0.79	0	-1.2	0.
EG2		0.62	24.3	0.83	0.80	0.69	0.63	0	-6.4E-2	1.6E-5
EG3		0.52	6.8	0.77	0.72	0.64	0.55	0	-3.2	3.0E-6
EG4	0.82	0.61	41.1	0.90	0.88	0.86	0.85	0	-1.4	0.
EG5	0.83	0.62	121.7	0.92	0.91	0.88	0.86	0	-1.3	0.
EG6		0.65	25.3	0.85	0.82	0.75	0.70	0	-2.7	0.
EG7		0.61	13.2	0.78	0.75	0.68	0.63	0	-1.4	0.
EG8		0.64	6.6	0.74	0.68	0.60	0.50	0	-1.5	0.
EG9		0.57	21.9	0.82	0.80	0.63	0.53	0	-1.7	0.
EG10		0.65	10.9	0.72	0.67	0.70	0.65	0	-0.3	1.0E-6
EG11		0.58	15.5	0.82	0.79	0.72	0.66	0	-2.0	0.
EG12	0.95	0.54	48.3	0.84	0.81	0.86	0.83	0	-5.4E-03	0.
EG13	1.12	0.67	8.7	0.80	0.76	0.78	0.74	0	-1.4	1.1E-05
EG14		0.61	45.9	0.91	0.89	0.91	0.89	0	-2.2	0.
EG15	1.19	0.58	15.6	0.92	0.90	0.89	0.87	0	-1.4	0.
EG16		0.54	8.3	0.88	0.86			0	-0.1	0.
EG17		0.58	55.6	0.88	0.86	0.90	0.89	0	-1.8	0.
EG18		0.54	22.1	0.85	0.81	0.72	0.65	0	-3.2	0.
EG19		0.68	40.5	0.86	0.82			0	-0.5	0.
EG20		0.65	23.9	0.84	0.82			0	-2.6	3.6E-04
EG21		0.66	75.5	0.88	0.86	0.85	0.82	0	-2.6	1.2E-03
EG22		0.57	18.1	0.86	0.81	0.77	0.69	0	-4.1	0.
EG23		0.76	22.2	0.89	0.84			0	-1.4	0.
EG24	0.98	0.57	27.3	0.88	0.86			0	-2.4	1.4E-05
EG25		0.59	15.0	0.86	0.82	0.78	0.73	0	-2.6	0.
EG26		0.57	8.5	0.84	0.81			0	0.65	0.
EG27		0.52	22.5	0.84	0.78			0	-2.5	0.
EG28		0.56	53.5	0.86	0.84			0	-1.4	6.0E-06
EG29		0.67	12.2	0.86	0.83			0	-0.9	0.
EG30		0.60	7.3	0.73	0.68			0	-1.4	1.2E-04
EG31		0.54	25.9	0.78	0.75			0	-2.5	0.
EG32	0.54	0.57	103.0	0.92	0.90			0	-1.6	0.
EG33		0.63	20.2	0.79	0.74			1	-2.5	0.
EG34		0.55	48.0	0.88	0.86			0	-1.2	1.4E-05
EG35		0.59	35.3	0.90	0.88			0	-0.3	0.
EG36		0.58	23.2	0.87	0.81			0	-1.6	1.1E-05
EG37		0.56	11.0	0.85	0.78			0	9.03E-02	0.
EG38		0.60	12.3	0.81	0.71			0	-2.4	7.8E-06
EG39		0.59	25.8	0.86	0.83			0	-0.2	1.1E-05
Earthquake										
QG1	0.31	0.78	1.4	0.32	0.19	0.49	0.38	1	1.79	1.00000
QG2		0.78	1.3	0.25	0.004	0.32	0.10	1	1.96	0.99968
QG3		0.74	1.5	0.21	0.009	0.32	0.14	1	2.05	1.00000
QG4		0.92	1.0	0.21	0.007	0.22	0.03	1	1.47	1.00000
QG5	0.38	0.74	1.2	0.28	0.19	0.41	0.33	1	1.95	0.99977
QG6		0.71	1.0	0.19	0.03	0.21	0.05	1	2.31	0.99969
QG7		0.74	1.4	0.25	0.12	0.32	0.21	1	1.81	0.99920

QG8		0.75	1.9	0.16	0.02	0.15	0.05	1	1.61	0.99994
QG9	0.56	0.74	1.3	0.26	0.14	0.51	0.38	1	2.18	0.99926
QG10		0.75	1.6	0.14	-0.003	0.12	-0.10	1	1.76	0.99913
QG11	0.50	0.79	1.5	0.12	-0.03	0.25	0.10	1	1.83	0.99879
QG12		0.78	1.2	0.17	-0.04	0.17	-0.002	1	1.98	1.00000
QG13		0.77	1.0	0.33	0.11	0.47	0.29	1	2.08	1.00000
QG14		0.75	1.2	0.10	-0.05	0.14	-0.005	1	1.46	0.99999
QG15		0.71	0.8	0.30	0.07	0.40	0.19	1	2.79	0.99995
QG16		0.74	0.9	0.25	0.06	0.28	0.10	1	2.22	0.99995
QG17		0.81	1.1	0.22	-0.04	0.20	-0.07	1	2.17	0.99975
QG18		0.79	1.5	0.22	-0.04	0.17	-0.10	1	1.65	0.99985
QG19	0.35	0.80	1.7	0.25	0.13	0.26	0.14	1	1.72	0.99992
QG20	0.55	0.73	1.3	0.24	0.13	0.42	0.33	1	2.18	0.99970
QG21	0.32	0.84	1.1	0.32	0.21	0.44	0.34	1	2.20	0.99999
QG22		0.75	2.9	0.42	0.28	0.30	0.12	1	1.30	0.99980
QG23	0.55	0.76	5.5	0.66	0.62	0.24	0.15	1	0.33	0.99637
QG24		0.77	4.7	0.47	0.36	0.23	0.07	1	0.64	0.99997
QG25	0.33	0.79	6.2	0.68	0.64	0.28	0.19	1	0.33	0.99999
QG26		0.72	3.5	0.48	0.38	0.19	0.03	1	0.98	0.99902
QG27		0.72	3.1	0.45	0.31	0.28	0.10	1	1.03	0.99974
QG28	0.55	0.78	5.7	0.62	0.57	0.30	0.20	1	0.39	0.79460
QG29		0.79	2.6	0.24	0.11	0.12	-0.02	1	1.22	0.99966
QG30	0.70	0.90	1.1	0.20	0.07	0.35	0.24	1	2.22	0.99942

bands case (1-3, 3-5, 5-7, 7-9 and 9-11 Hz). The values of LDF and the ANN output are shown as the result of the leave-one-out procedure; for the King's CAP, index 1 refers to the earthquakes cluster and 0 to the explosions cluster.

3.1.4 Spectral Coherency Statistics

The efficiency of the LFSM approach in identifying explosions with a low signal-to-noise ratio (SNR) was investigated. A number of quarry blasts recorded at remote stations with $\text{SNR} < 1$ for P-waves and $\text{SNR} \approx 1.5-2$ for S and coda waves show clear spectral modulation patterns, presented by coherent minima (or nulls) and maxima (Fig. 11a,b). Any modulation and coherency in spectra of pre-signal noise is not observable (Fig. 11a). Spectral scallops depend heavily on ripple-firing parameters, e.g. the frequency of the first null, dominant in our frequency-limited recordings, is determined mainly by the duration of ripple-firing (Gitterman and van Eck, 1993; Barker et al., 1993). Similar plots for earthquakes demonstrate the irregular character of spectral shapes and minima for different azimuths (Fig. 12).

Coherency of spectral shapes for different stations can be quantitatively assessed by "semblance" and "cross-correlation" statistics commonly used in seismic prospecting for phase correlation of seismic traces in time domain (e.g. Neidell and Taner, 1971). After some modification (including spectra logarithming and subtraction of the average) the statistics can be written as:

$$\text{smb} = \frac{1}{N} \frac{\sum_{f_1}^{f_2} S1_i}{\sum_{f_1}^{f_2} S2_i} \quad \text{cor} = \frac{1}{N-1} \frac{\sum_{f_1}^{f_2} (S1_i - S2_i)}{\sum_{f_1}^{f_2} S2_i} \quad (3)$$

where

$$S1_i = \left[\sum_{k=1}^N (S_{ki} - \bar{S}_k) \right]^2 \quad S2_i = \sum_{k=1}^N (S_{ki} - \bar{S}_k)^2 \quad (4)$$

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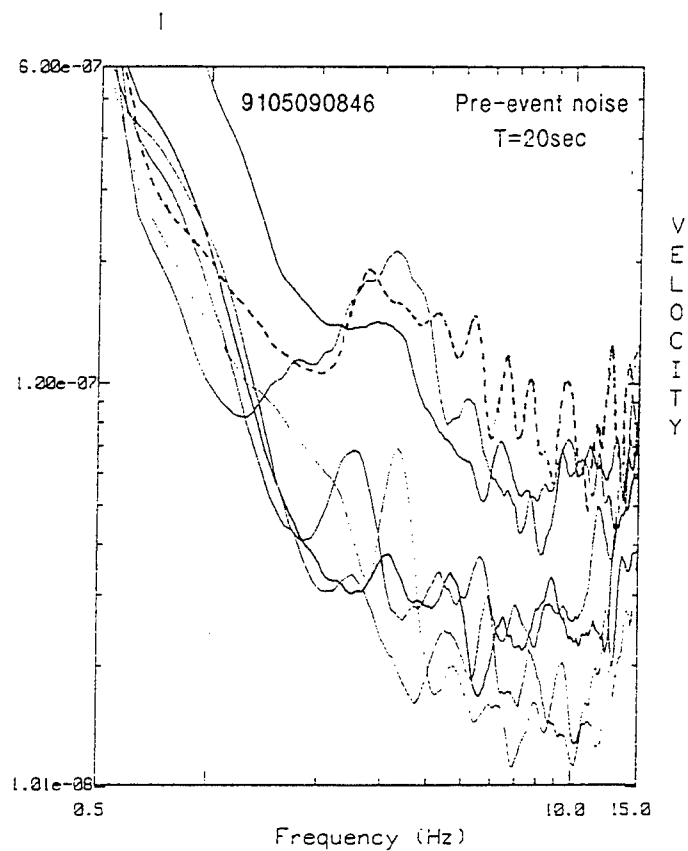
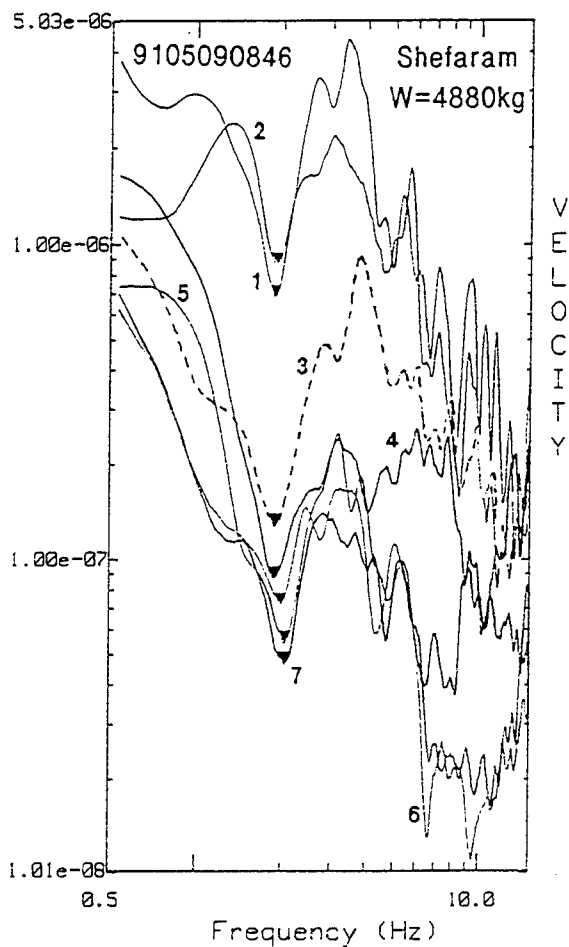
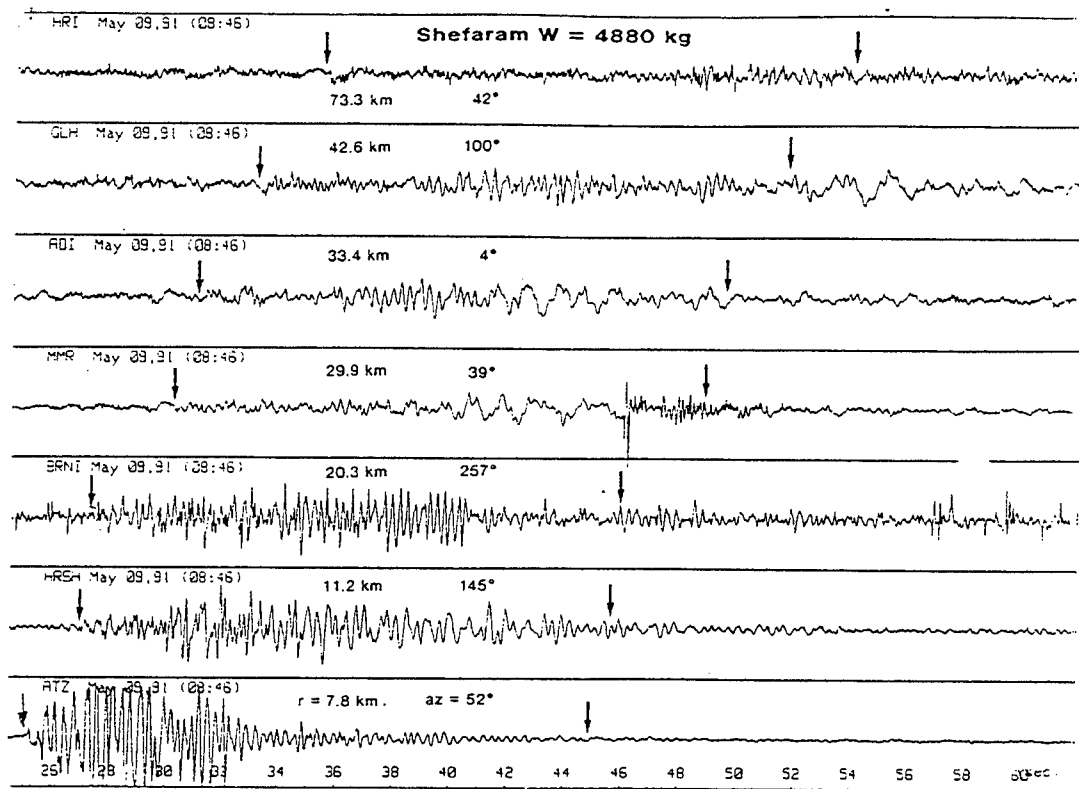


Figure 1. Example of distinct low frequency, azimuth and distance-independent spectral modulation for low $SNR < 2$ recordings of two Galilee quarry blasts EG33 (a) and EG16 (b). FFT spectra are instrument corrected and smoothed by a triangle operator in the 0.5 Hz window.

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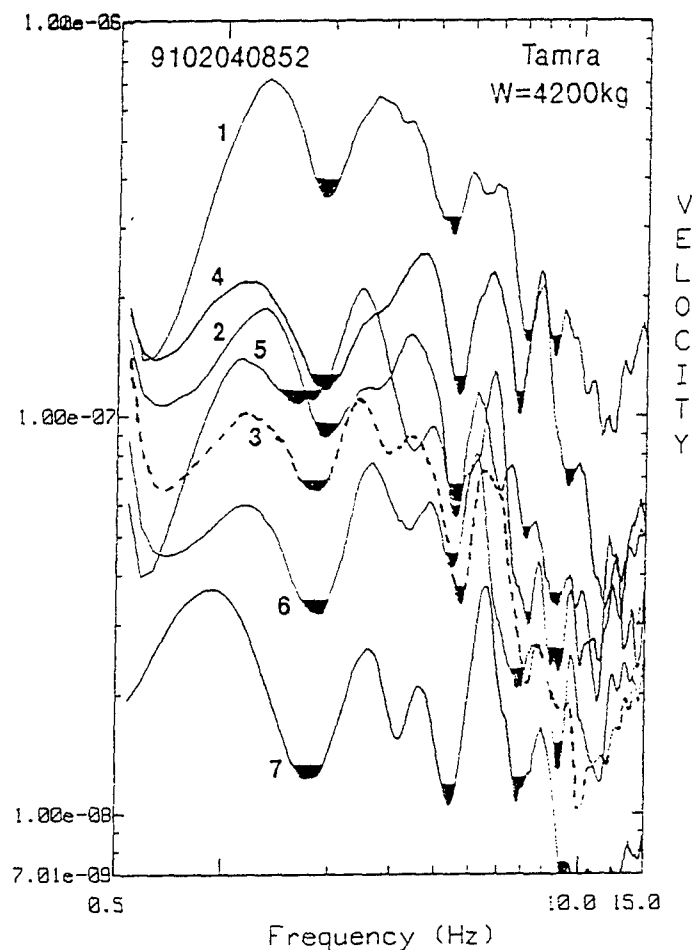
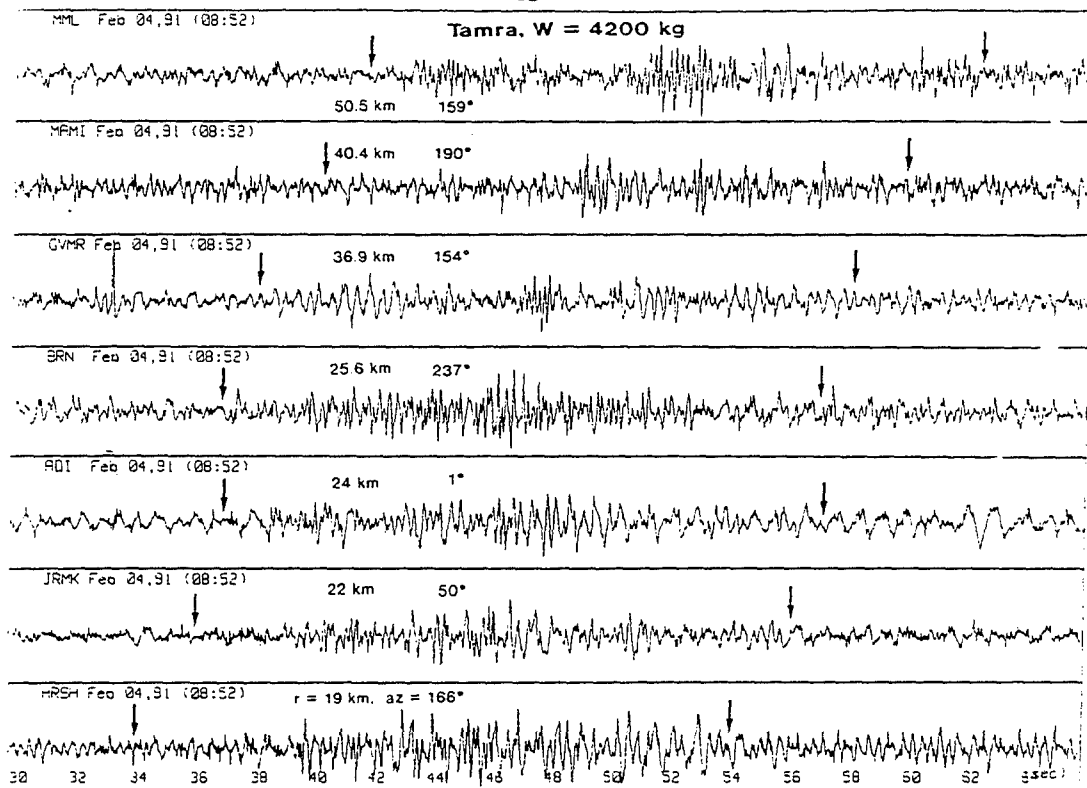


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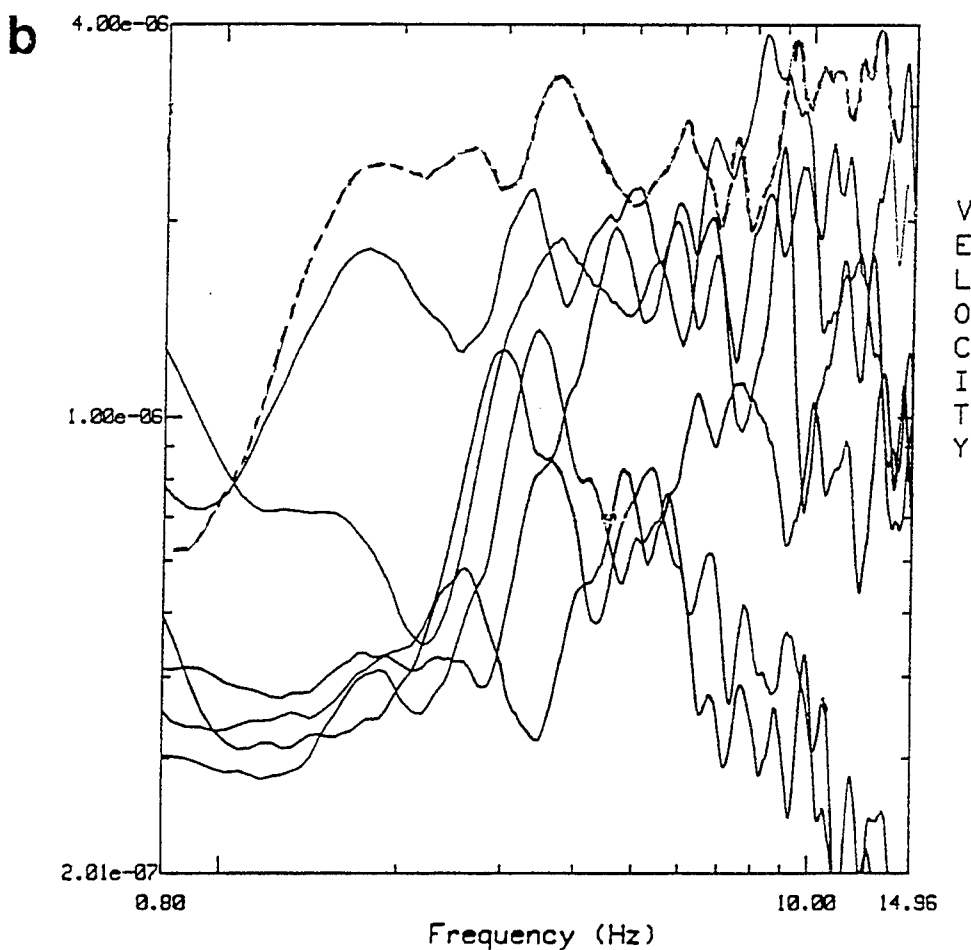
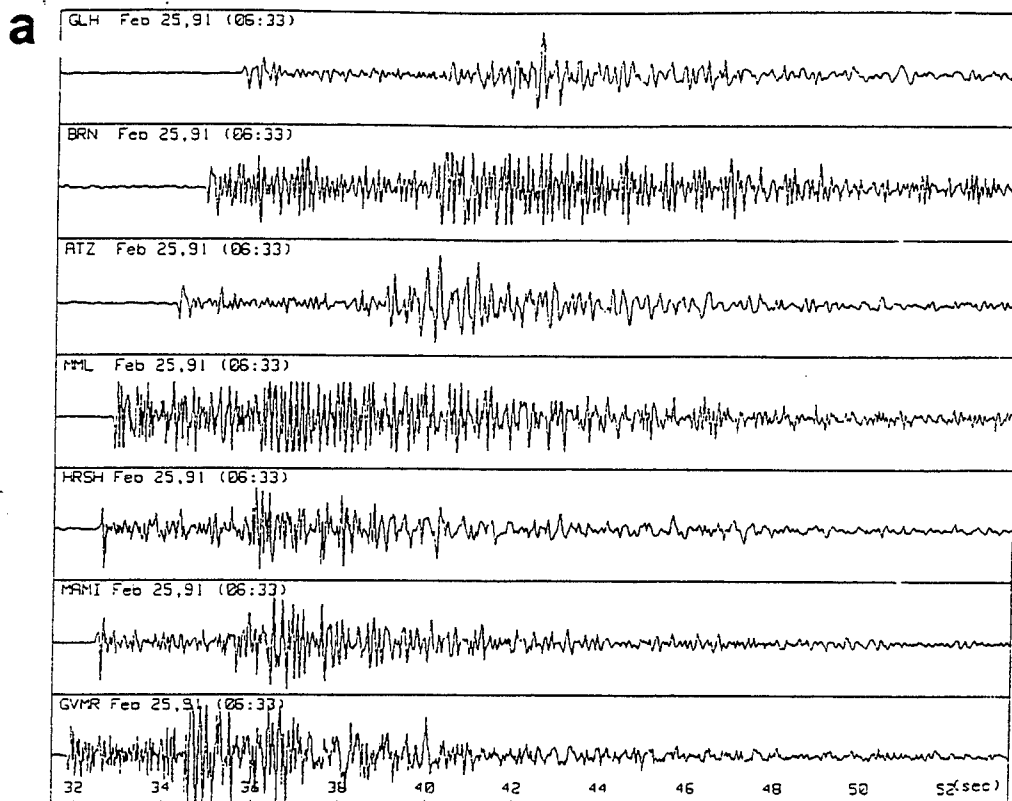


Figure 12. Example of the Galilee earthquake QG20 recordings (a) showing irregularity of spectral shapes and low frequency minima (nulls) for a broad azimuth range (66-354°) of ISN stations (b).

$S_{ki} = \log_{10} S_k(f_i) - \log \text{ spectral amplitude at } k \text{ station}; \bar{S}_k \text{ is the average spectral level; } N \text{ is the number of stations and } [f_1, f_2] \text{ is the frequency range for calculation.}$

The correlation technique was applied to smoothed amplitude spectra of the selected subnetwork of 10 stations. We tried two spectral intervals for the analysis: 1-7 Hz and 1-12 Hz; the results are presented in Table 10. The statistics values obtained are higher for quarry blasts (0.7-0.9) than for earthquakes (0.1-0.4).

The statistics remain virtually unchanged if different windows of spectra smoothing are selected (0.25 Hz, 1 Hz). The semblance statistic shows a slightly higher resolving power than cross-correlation; in general, better discrimination results (better separation of earthquakes and explosions) are obtained when processing the whole signal spectra in the frequency range 1-12 Hz. As may be expected, a strong correlation between semblance and cross-correlation statistics is observed (see Fig. 13a), therefore, in the following, we consider them as one discriminant. For the same few earthquakes mentioned above as showing enlarged energy ratio values originating on the main fault at Lake Kinneret (Sea of Galilee), we obtained anomalous high semblance values of 0.4-0.65, the two sets of seismic events are, however, completely separate. The same result is observed on the plot of semblance versus energy ratio (Fig. 13b). It should be noted that the spectral range 1-7 Hz showed "normal" values of the statistics for the events from the Sea of Galilee (see Table 10).

Discussion

The high resolving power of the "semblance" discriminant lies in the nature of the seismic sources investigated. A ripple-fired blast may be considered a point source, therefore the interference pattern is uniform in different directions, resulting in the azimuth-independent SM and high "semblance" values. Frequencies of spectral minima for different stations caused by nulls of the interference function, have random small shifts (Fig. 11). It is maintained (Der and Baumgardt, 1995) that the Doppler effect could be responsible for this phenomenon which can even suppress the nulls (Blanford, 1995). We consider this azimuthal effect, caused by the spacing of individual shots in a quarry blast, as minor and that the shifts are determined mainly by the spectrum slope of a single shot explosion at a station site (Gitterman and van Eck, 1993).

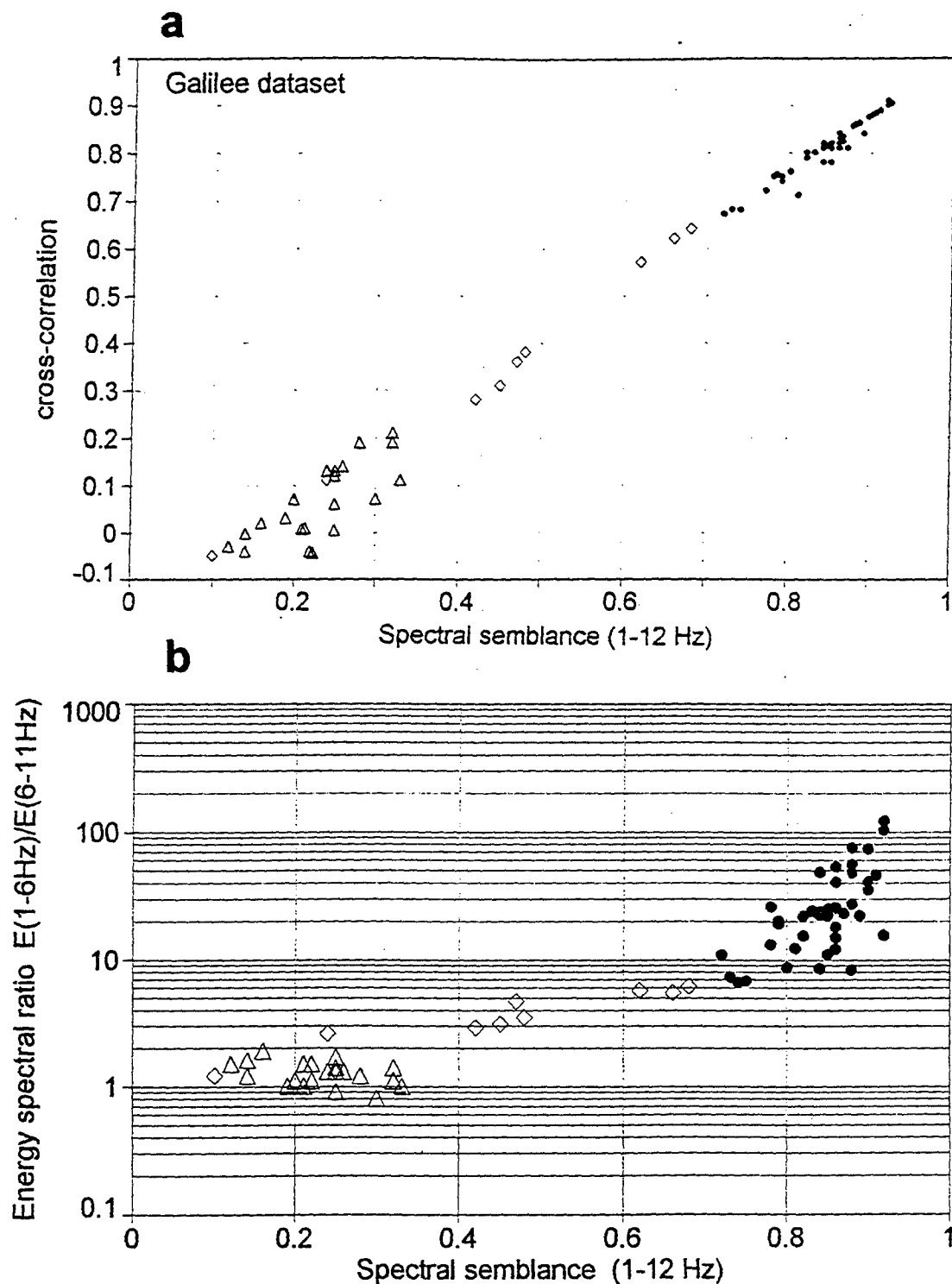


Figure 13. Discrimination results for the Galilee dataset: (a) cross-correlation versus semblance, (b) semblance versus energy ratio (Δ - earthquakes, \bullet - quarry blasts, \diamond - earthquakes from the Sea of Galilee).

The Doppler effect could be relevant in the case of earthquakes which are actually line sources and the stochastic superposition of sub-events along the rupture also produces some kind of SM, "scalped spectra" (Bakun et al., 1978); consequently the presence of a time-independent SM alone does not prove ripple-firing (Baumgardt and Zigler, 1988). Moreover, a time-independent SM can be acquired during propagation in the case of shallow earthquakes and the low velocity stratified media with sharp boundaries along the path (Hedlin et al., 1989). These detrimental effects can be misleading when observed at one station or at stations with similar azimuths (an array, for example), but this is negligible in the azimuth-invariant modulation patterns observed at regionally distributed stations of a RDSN. Supposedly due to the directivity effect, the interference pattern for an earthquake will be azimuth-dependent, i.e. maxima and minima in a spectrum will be shifted significantly in accordance with the direction to a station, therefore, for stations with broad azimuthal coverage, we observe visual non-coherence of spectra (Fig. 12) causing low semblance values.

The spectral discriminants show dependence on source region. Semblance values as well as energy spectral ratios for most earthquakes from the Sea of Galilee are greater than for the adjacent Galilee region, but provide separation from quarry blasts.

Our results provide a positive answer to questions such as: whether short delay (20-30 msec) ripple-fired events are capable of generating SM below 20 Hz and if this feature can be used for discrimination of distant regional (0-400km) events (Hedlin et al., 1995). The LFSM approach also solves the problem of disappearing high frequency (above 5 Hz), spectral scalloping in spectrograms of mine explosions in central Chile at distances greater than 100km (Beck and Wallace, 1995).

3.2 VELOGRAM ANALYSIS

This discrimination technique is based on velograms, determined by the Short Time Average (STA) transform of the original seismograms, using a group velocity sections instead of the conventional time section (Fig. 14). This approach is inspired on one hand by Kim et al. (1994), who used a group velocity section obtained over a short period seismic network to demonstrate the effect of inhomogeneous crust and, on the other hand, by Husebye and Ruud (1995) in which seismic network intensity curves (STA) were utilized in an automatic epicenter location procedure. The kinematic group velocity

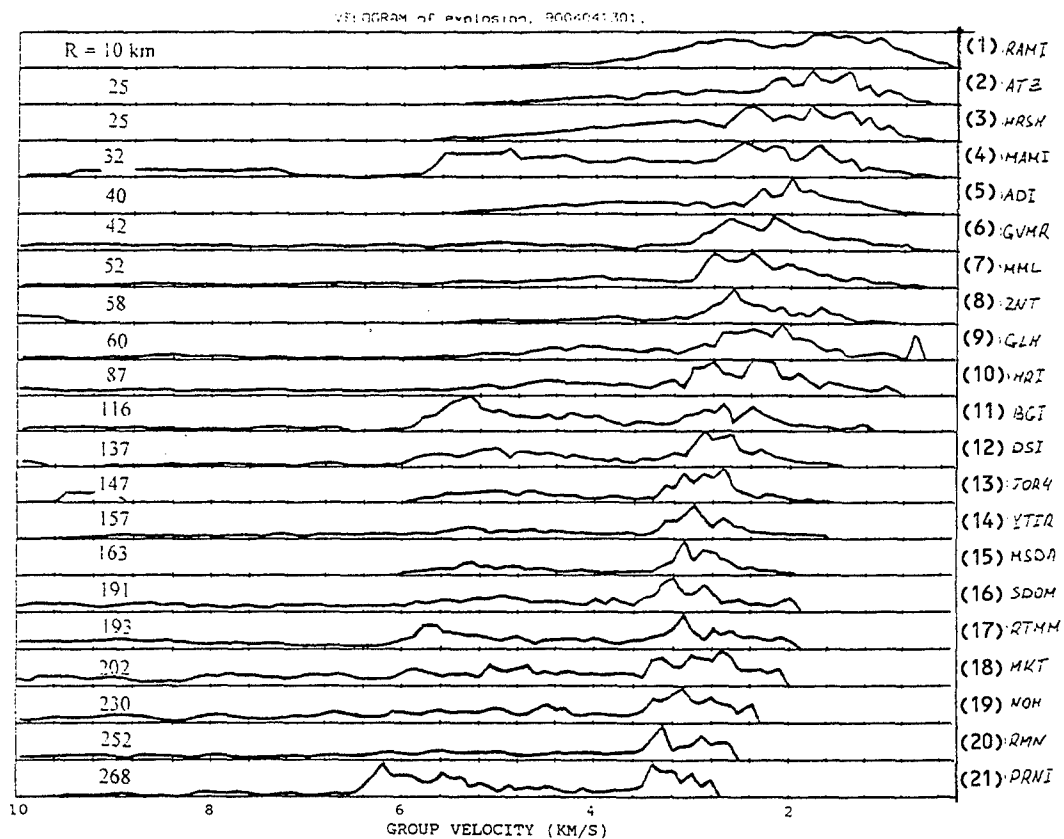
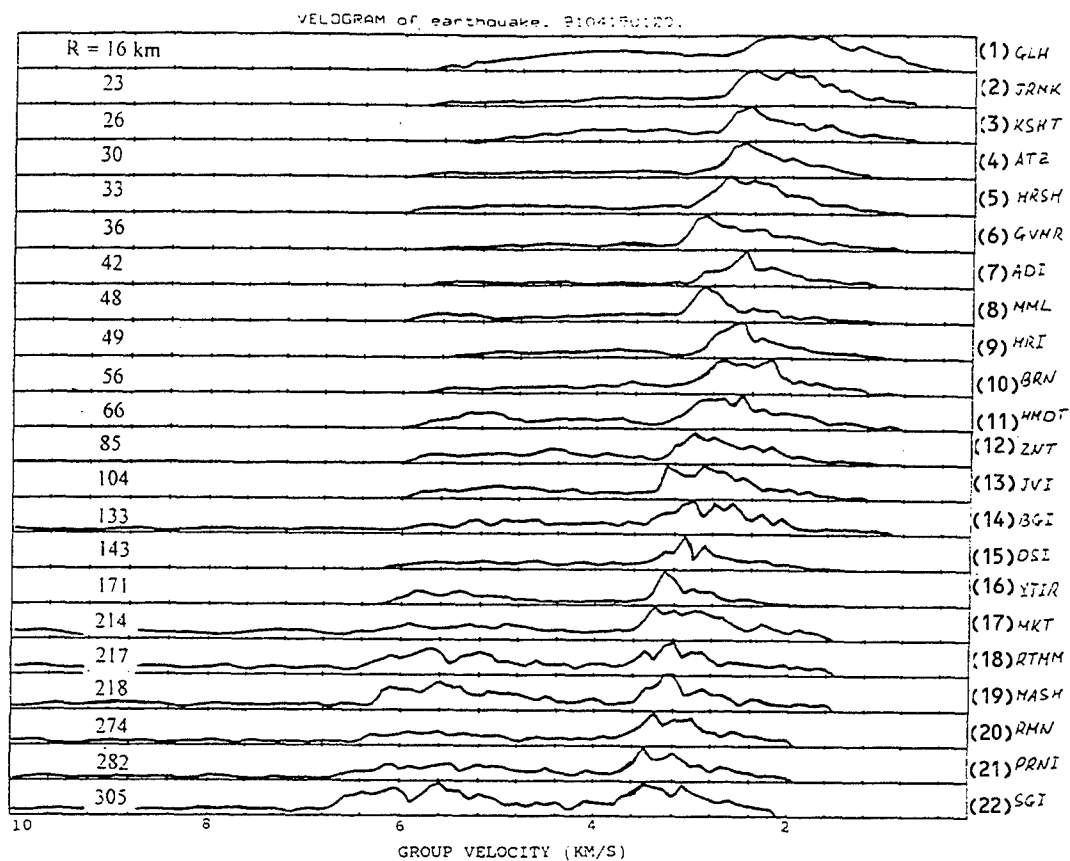


Figure 14. Velogram section for an earthquake Q (a) and an explosion X (b).

discriminator is compared with the conventional dynamic P/S discriminator which may also be obtained from velograms.

The processing scheme for each channel is illustrated in Fig. 15. In the first step, the STA is computed from digital seismograms; then, for the sequence of velocities $V_j = V_0 + j \cdot dV$ ($j=1, \dots, J$), the velogram $Q(V_j)$ is obtained from the STA as:

$$Q(V_j) = STA(R/V_j), \quad (5)$$

where R is the distance from the source. In this study the window length for the STA was 1 sec, moving over seismograms with a 0.02 sec step equal to the digitizing interval. Time $T_j = R/V_j$ is the travel-time associated with the beginning of the moving window. Group velocity V was in the range of 0.1-1.0 km/s, computed in steps $dV = 0.1$ km/s. For noise reduction, all the original seismograms were filtered in the frequency range 1-10 Hz using a Butterworth filter.

The velogram characterizes the distribution of seismic wave intensity versus group velocity. The intensity peaks in the study were characterized by maximum velogram values P_{\max} and S_{\max} (see Fig. 15) in group velocity intervals 4-8 km/s and 1-4 km/s, corresponding to P and S-Lg-Rg wave groups. The group velocities V_{mp} and V_{ms} corresponding to the peak values of P_{\max} and S_{\max} , respectively were tested as possible discriminants.

It was found that V_{mp} does not resolve events whereas V_{ms} has a tendency to be slightly larger for earthquakes than for explosions over a wide range of distances, 10-200 km. This information may be accumulated using a set of observations at different distances. Thus, in the following steps we concentrated on the variations of V_{ms} across the regional seismic network as a possible discriminant between earthquakes and explosions. The examples of the velogram section of an earthquake and a quarry blast obtained from the ISN short period seismograms are shown in Figs. 14a and 14b (see ISN stations locations in Fig. 2); a tendency of the wave intensity to shift with distance towards larger velocities and a slight lagging of the explosion S-wave intensity relative the earthquake are observed.

The value of V_{ms} was calculated for each velogram corresponding to the specific distance, R . Examples of individual $V_{ms}(R)$ curves, extracted from the velograms presented in Fig. 14, are shown in Fig. 16. Fig. 16 shows that the curves $V_{ms}(R)$, as a first approximation, can be fitted by a function of the form:

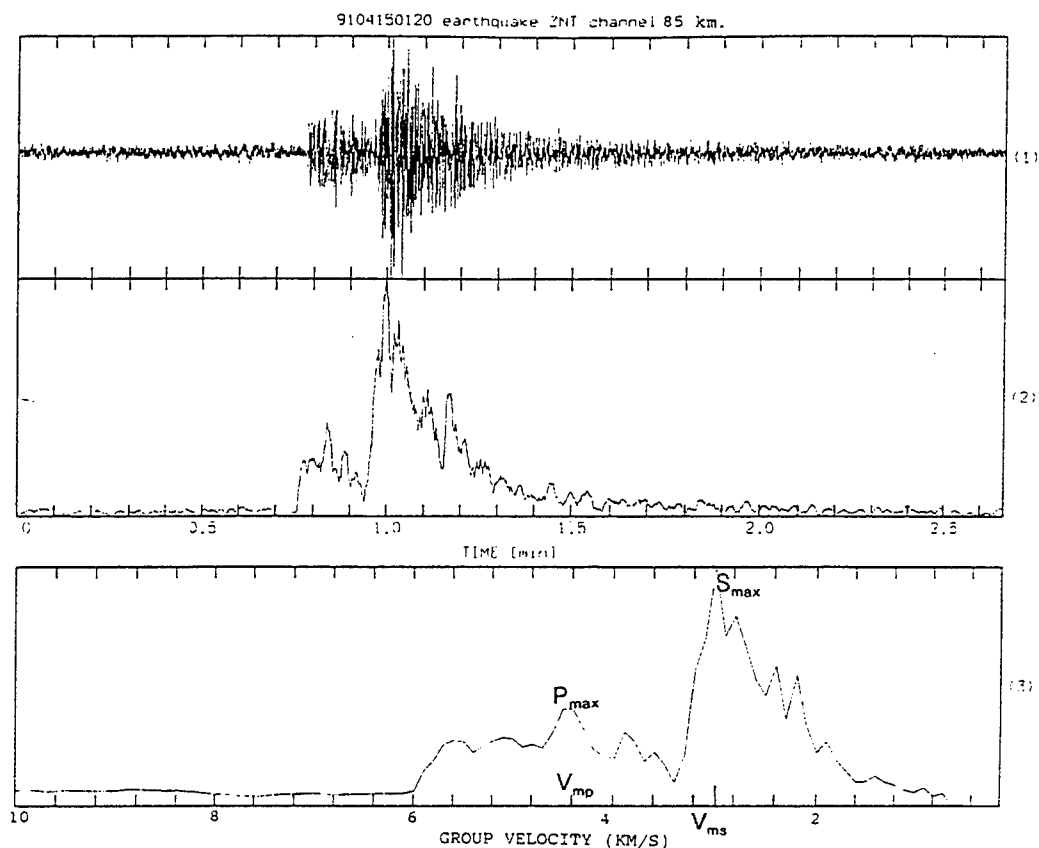


Figure 15. Velogram analysis. Example of data processing for an earthquake Q record at the station ZNT (85 km from the source): (1) band-pass (1-10 Hz) filtered digital seismogram; (2) 1-second length STA; (3) velogram.

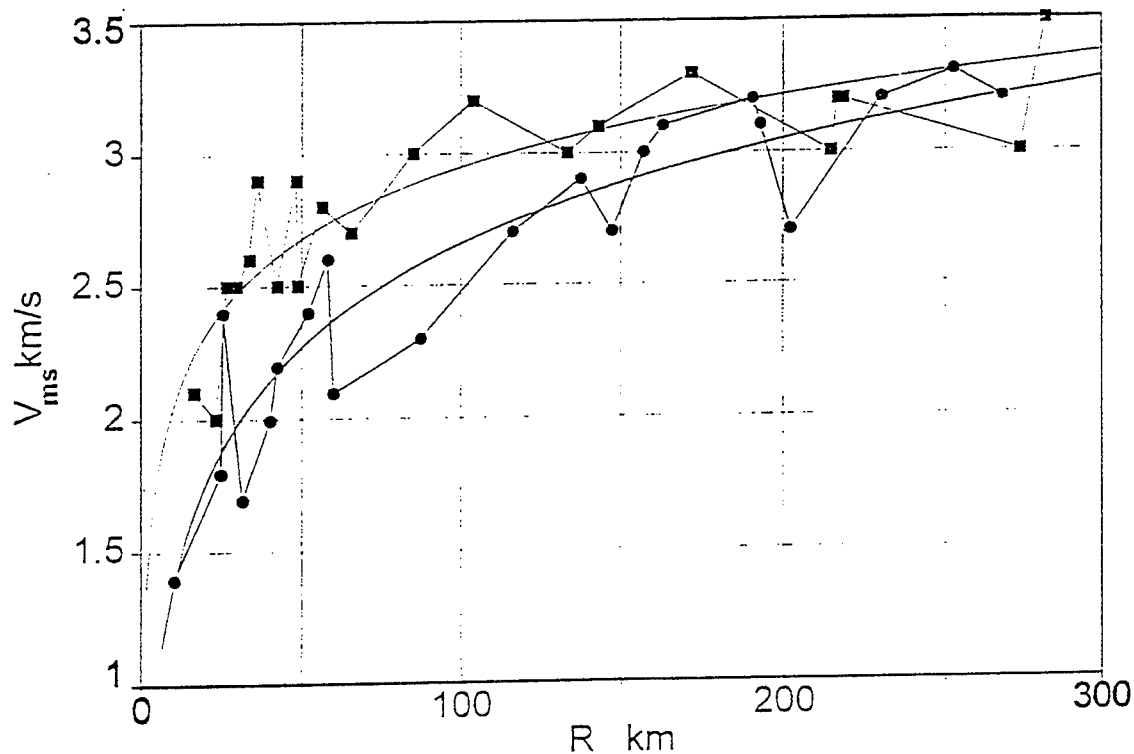


Figure 16. Velogram analysis. V_{ms} -distance curves for an earthquake Q (■) and an explosion X (●), and the corresponding least squares fit curves $V_{ms}=a+b\ln(R)$.
Q: $a=1.16$, $b=0.389$; X: $a=0.793$, $b=0.487$.

$$V_{ms} = a + b * \ln(R) \quad (6)$$

The fitted curves for an earthquake, Q, and an explosion, X, are shown in Fig. 16. The relationship expressed by Eq. (6) is general in form, but coefficients "a" and "b" differ for each event and can serve as a compact parametric characteristic of the event type provided by focal depth and mechanism. The coefficients are computed by least squares fitting for each of the analyzed events.

The results are presented in Fig. 17a, which shows separation of the two populations of seismic events and also demonstrates that:

1. there is a linear relationship between coefficients "a" and "b";
and
2. the slopes of the "b" versus "a" relationship are practically the same for earthquakes and explosions and equal to a first order approximation of 1/3.

Consequently, we propose that the populations of earthquakes and explosions can be distinguished by a single parameter:

$$C = b + 0.33*a \quad (7)$$

which, in this case, presents a simple linear discriminant function. The distribution of C values obtained from the analysis of velograms from all the events is presented in Fig. 17 (see also Table 10). Using the criterion $C=0.69$ we obtain almost complete separation between earthquakes and explosions. One mistake was accounted for by an extremely low magnitude explosion, absolutely invisible at distances $R>28$ km. For the interpretation of the discrimination results obtained from the velogram analysis, Dr. B. Ruud from the Seismological Department of Bergen University provided at our request 1-D modeling of the group of S and surface wave propagation in the crust for the two types of sources: close to the surface and deep. The crustal model (see Table 9) used in the study was obtained by averaging several models for Israel (Feigin and Shapira, 1994).

In Table 9, the S-velocities are computed from the P-velocities by assuming a Poisson ratio of 0.25. The densities are also computed from P-velocities using a version of Birch's law. The Q values are for a reference frequency of 1.0 Hz. The frequency dependence assumed for Q is: $Q(f)=Q(1.0)*f^{0.5}$. The source is an explosion at different depths. According to the model some synthetic seismograms were computed with normal mode

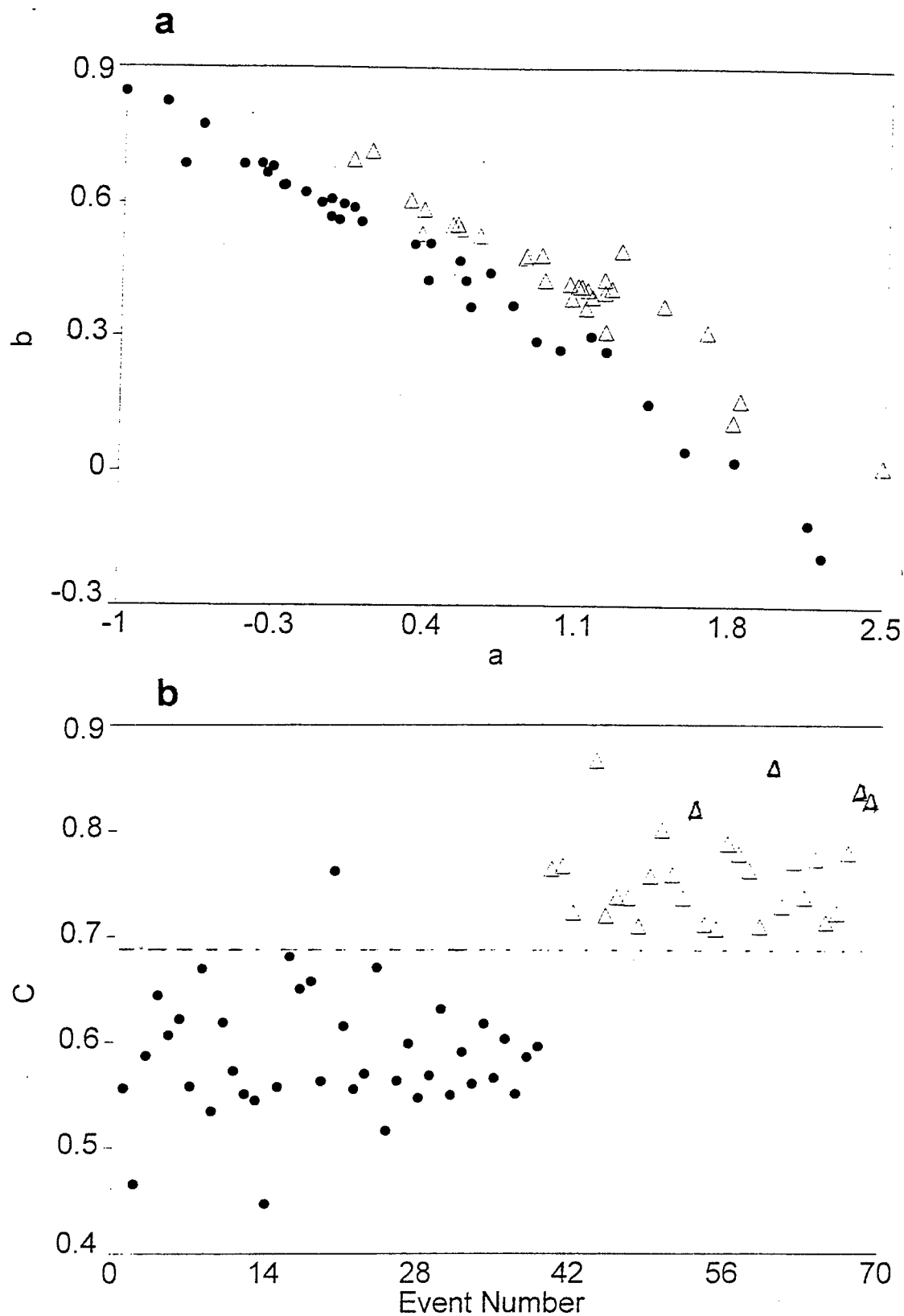


Figure 17. Velogram analysis. Galilee events. $V_{ms}(R)$ fit curve parameters for earthquakes (Δ) and explosions (\bullet): (a) pairs (a, b); (b) $c = a + 0.33b$.

summation with the following results. When the source is in the sediments (upper 3km), the seismograms show two groups of S- and surface-waves propagating with quite different group velocities. The first group, which propagates mainly in the 3rd and 4th layers, has a velocity of 3.2-3.4 km/s and the second group, which propagates in the sediments, has a velocity of 2.1 km/s. At short distances the second group is dominant in amplitude while at longer distances, the first group. The relative amplitude of the two groups is strongly dependent on the Q values in the sediments. For sources below the sediments the second group of waves is virtually absent.

The modeling results agree with the velogram analysis of ISN records and confirm our assumption regarding the different kinematic properties of seismic waves generated by deep and shallow events in the layered media with a thick sedimentary layer. Moreover, they suggest which media factors would have a prime influence on the developed kinematic discriminant: the thickness and average velocity of the sedimentary layer, the velocity below the sediments and the Q values within the sediments (Dr. B. Ruud, personal communication).

3.3 P/S

Using the velograms of the ISN individual channels, we tested a dynamic P/S discriminant in which $P = P_{\max}$ and $S = S_{\max}$ (see example in Fig. 15). This statistic characterizes the ratio of velogram intensities in the specified group velocity intervals 4-8 km/s for P and 1-4 km/s for S. A tendency for that the P/S for explosions will be greater than that for earthquakes is expected. In practice, this appeared to be true for only a limited number of ISN stations and only for strong events with a good SNR at distances greater than 100km. Only 18 events of the data set fall into this category, i.e. 8 explosions and 11 earthquakes.

Fig. 18a shows the P/S ratios at various distances. No distinction between earthquakes and explosions may be observed here. Six stations for which this tendency was evident were selected, all of them at distances greater than 100km from the source. Fig. 18b shows the P/S ratios for these stations for various events. For each event P/S values were averaged over the various stations (see Table 10). From Fig. 18c we can see that, except for one or two events, the average P/S ratio enables us to distinguish between earthquakes and explosions.

The combined P/S and C criteria (P/S are average values) for the 18 events are shown in Fig. 19. The joint (P/S,C) parameter vector evidently

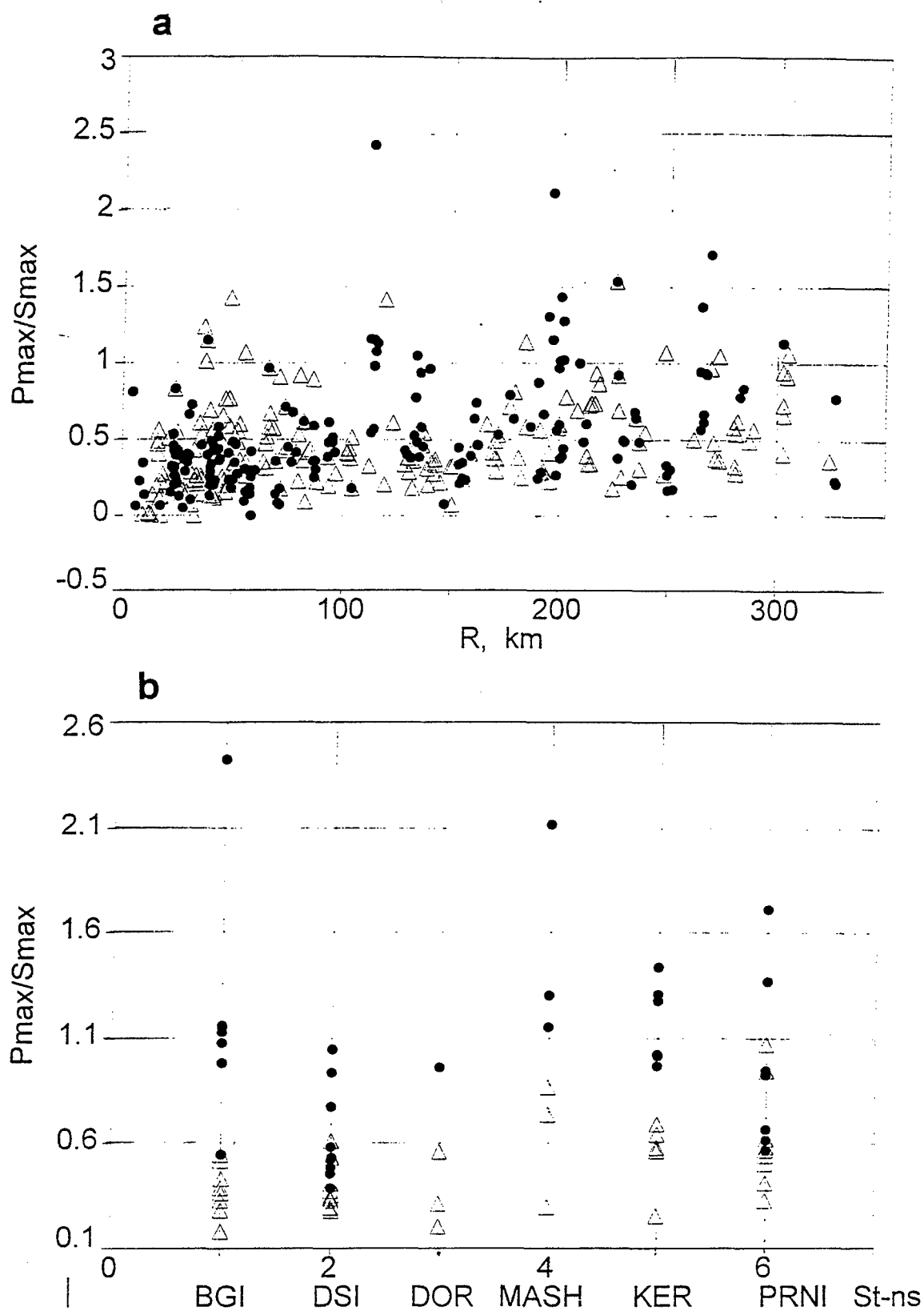


Figure 18. Velogram P_{max}/S_{max} for the Galilee strong events: 11 earthquakes (Δ) and 8 explosions (\bullet): (a) distance dependency; (b) for selected stations; (c) averages (+) for selected stations.

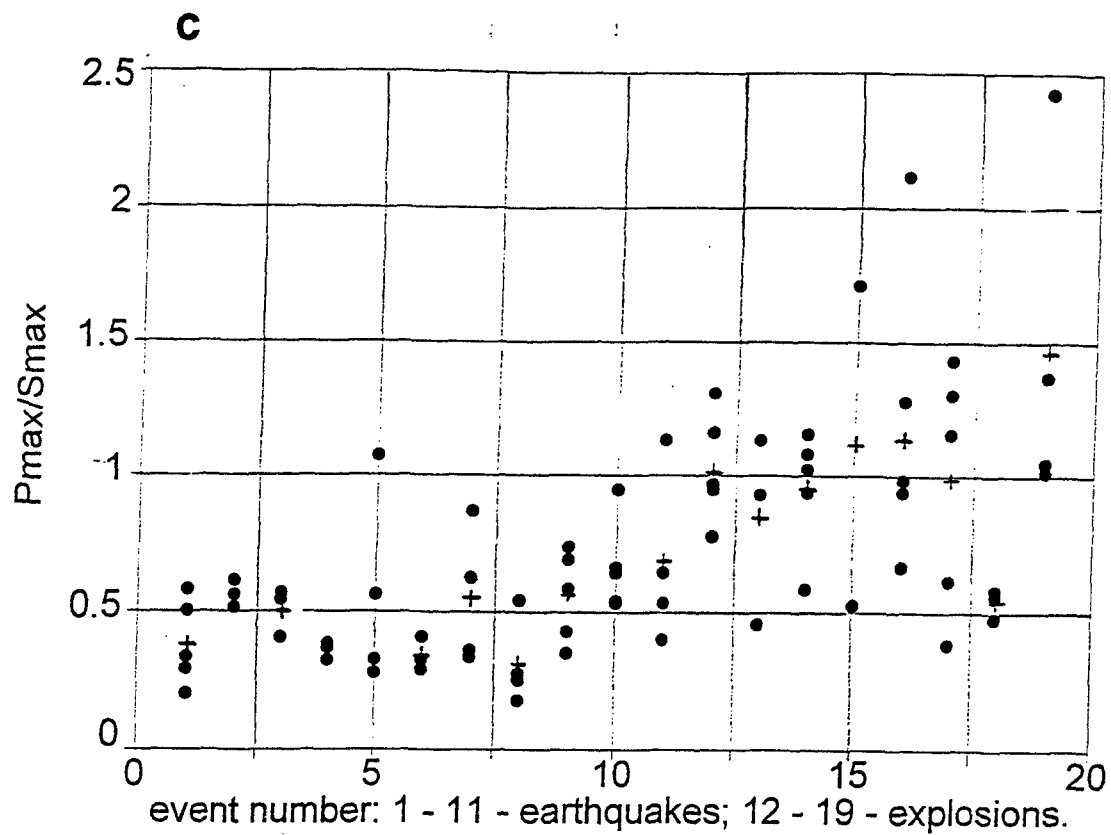


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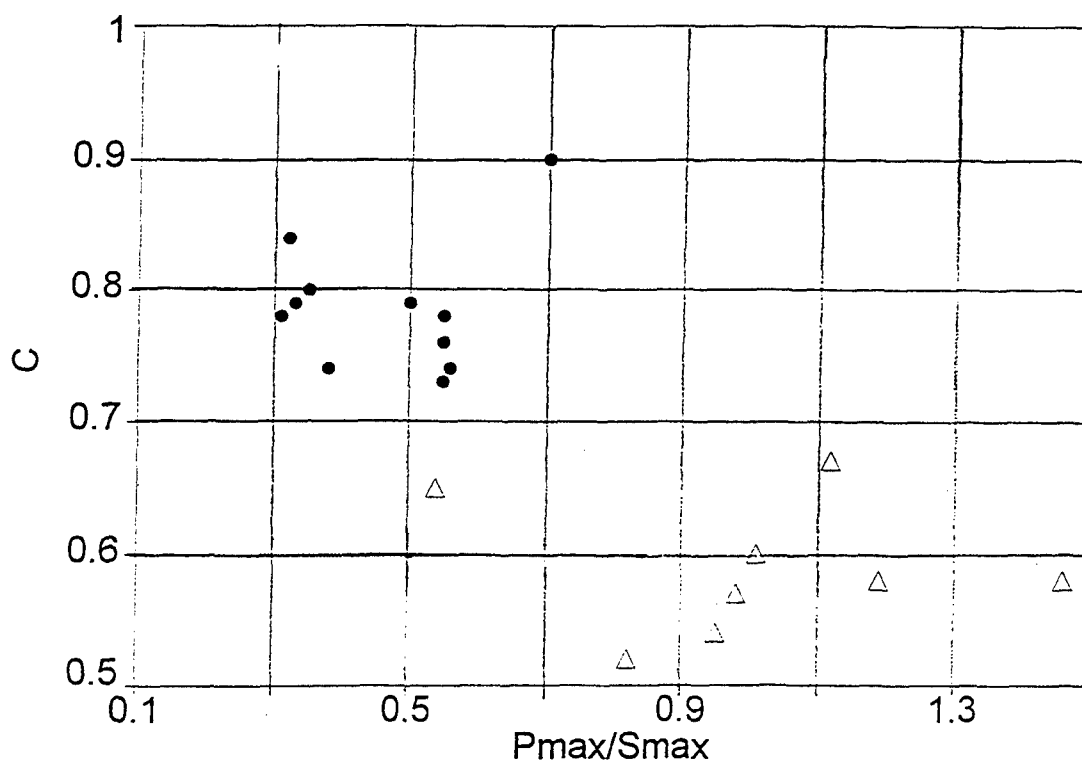


Figure 19. Joint (P/S, C) discriminator for a subset of relatively strong Galilee events: 8 explosions (●) and 11 earthquakes (Δ).

enhances the resolution power of the individual discriminants, however, the applicability and reliability of the dynamic P/S discriminant is much less than that of the kinematic parameter C.

3.4 CODA WAVE

Su et al.(1991) have used records of only 2 short period stations. Supposing that any real effect should be enhanced by averaging over the dense ISN, we tested this discriminant in our region using the Galilee dataset. The first order body-wave scattering model of the coda waves (Aki and Chouet, 1975) was applied:

$$A(f|t) = A_0(f) * \exp(-2\pi f t / Q(f)) / t \quad (8)$$

where the lapse time $t > 20$ sec. The envelope $A(f|t)$ was estimated by the seismogram rms computed in a moving window 1.8 sec long. $Q(f)$ and $A_0(f)$ estimators were obtained as a linear fit to the logarithm of the RMS(t) in the 34 sec window. The records from the ISN stations were taken at distances up to 35km to ensure a coda wave window that starts usually at lapse times equal to twice the S-wave travel time. The important difference from Su et al. (1991) is that our dataset has average magnitudes 1.85 and 1.65, while they had 2.6 and 2.3 for earthquakes and explosions correspondingly, and, consequently, better (on average) SNR.

We controlled SNR by measuring rms in the 5 sec window, beginning at 10 seconds before P-wave arrival for noise and at lapse time 20 sec for the signal. Seismograms were band-pass filtered by the Butterworth filter. Figs. 20a through 20d show the results of $Q_0 = Q/f$ measurements versus SNR for the frequencies $f = 1.5, 3, 6$ and 10 Hz correspondingly - centers of frequency bands: 1-2, 2-4, 4-8 and 8-12 Hz. All values of Q_0 larger than 300 were zeroed.

From Fig. 20 we see that both event populations are indistinguishable for all of the frequency bands. The general feature is that very randomly scattered Q_0 estimates are large (on average) for $SNR < 10$ and for a larger SNR the estimates are stabilized at a lower level, the same for both populations. For a fixed magnitude, explosions usually have a larger SNR at low frequencies (1-2 Hz). This may cause on average a smaller Q for explosions than for earthquakes (Fig. 20a) and may be interpreted erroneously as a discrimination result. Q_0 obtained in the range 50-80 for

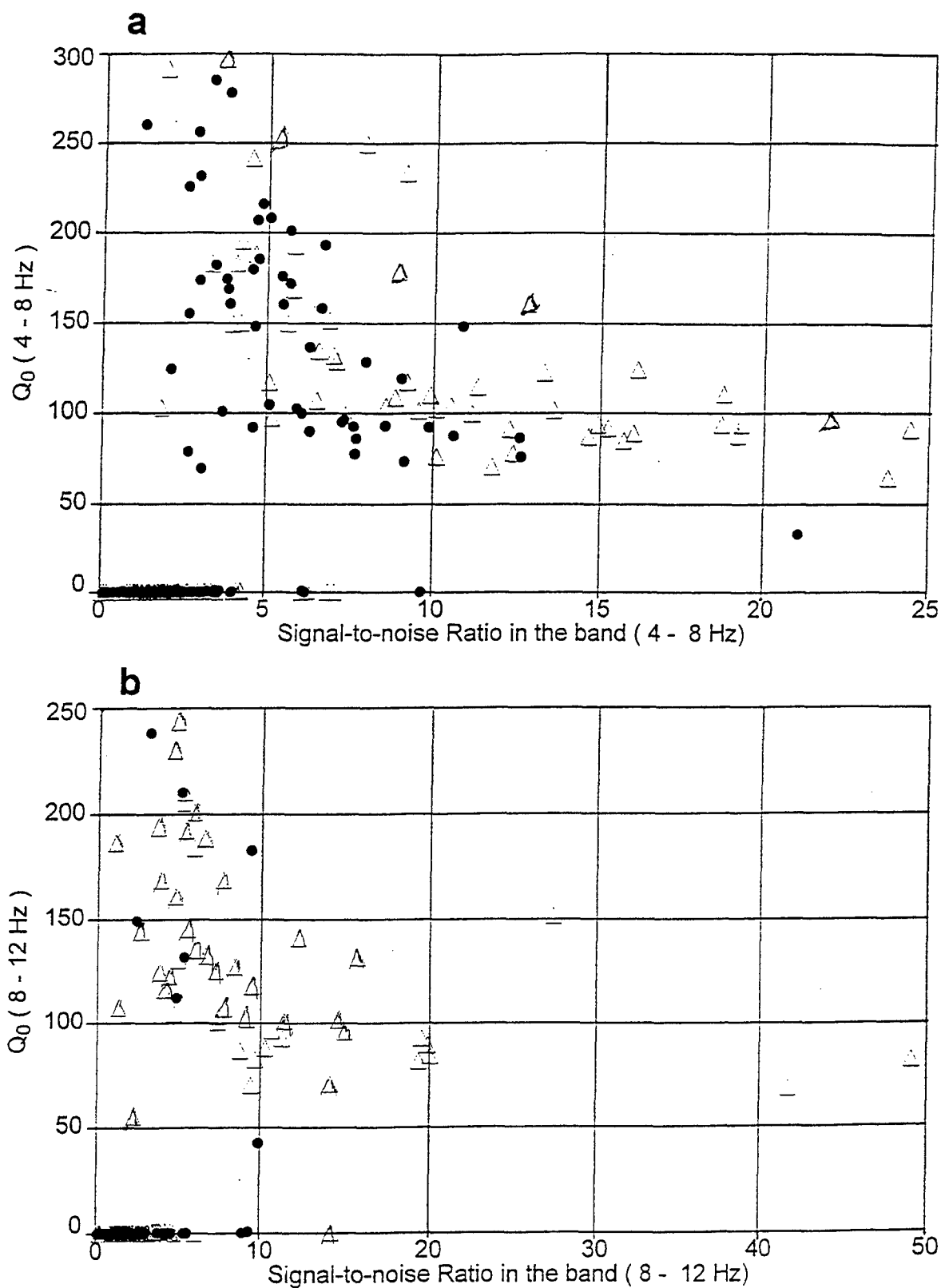


Figure 20. Coda analysis. Galilee events. Results of $Q_0 = Q(f)/f$ measurements versus SNR for the frequencies $f = 1.5$ (a), 3 (b), 6 (c) and 10 (d) Hz (Δ - earthquakes, • - explosions).

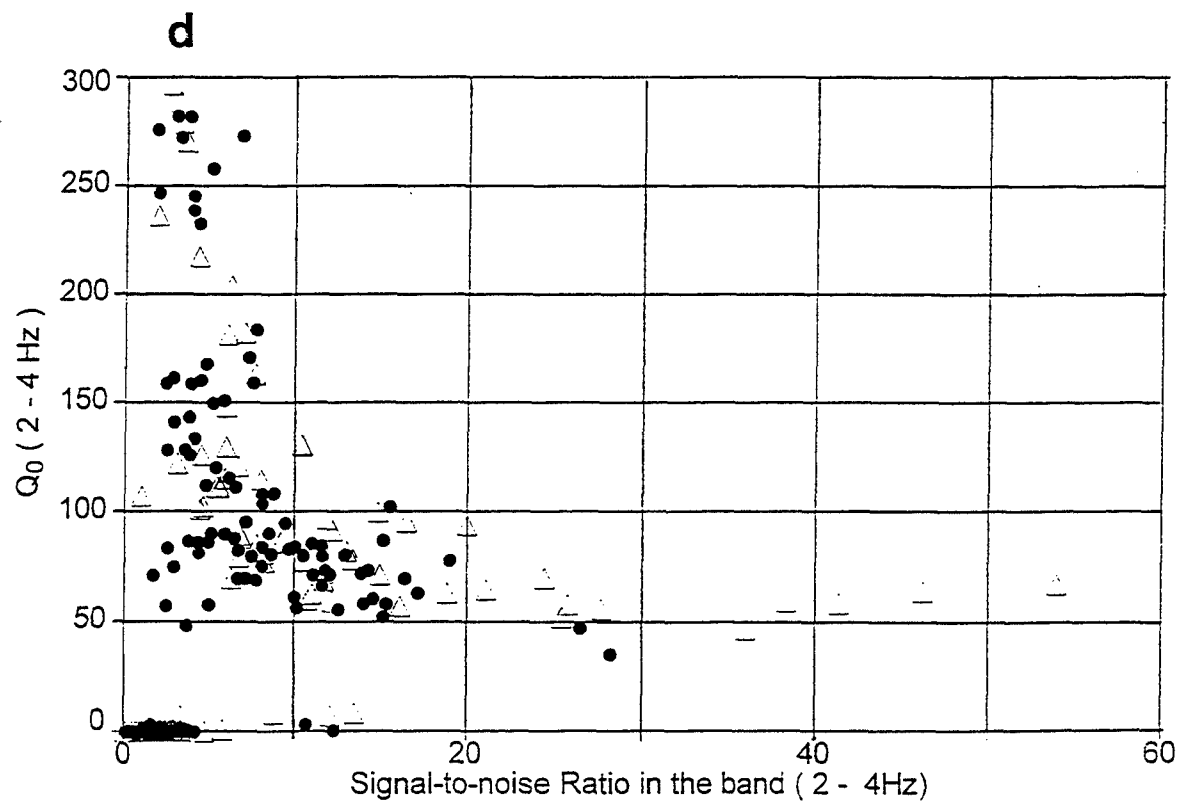
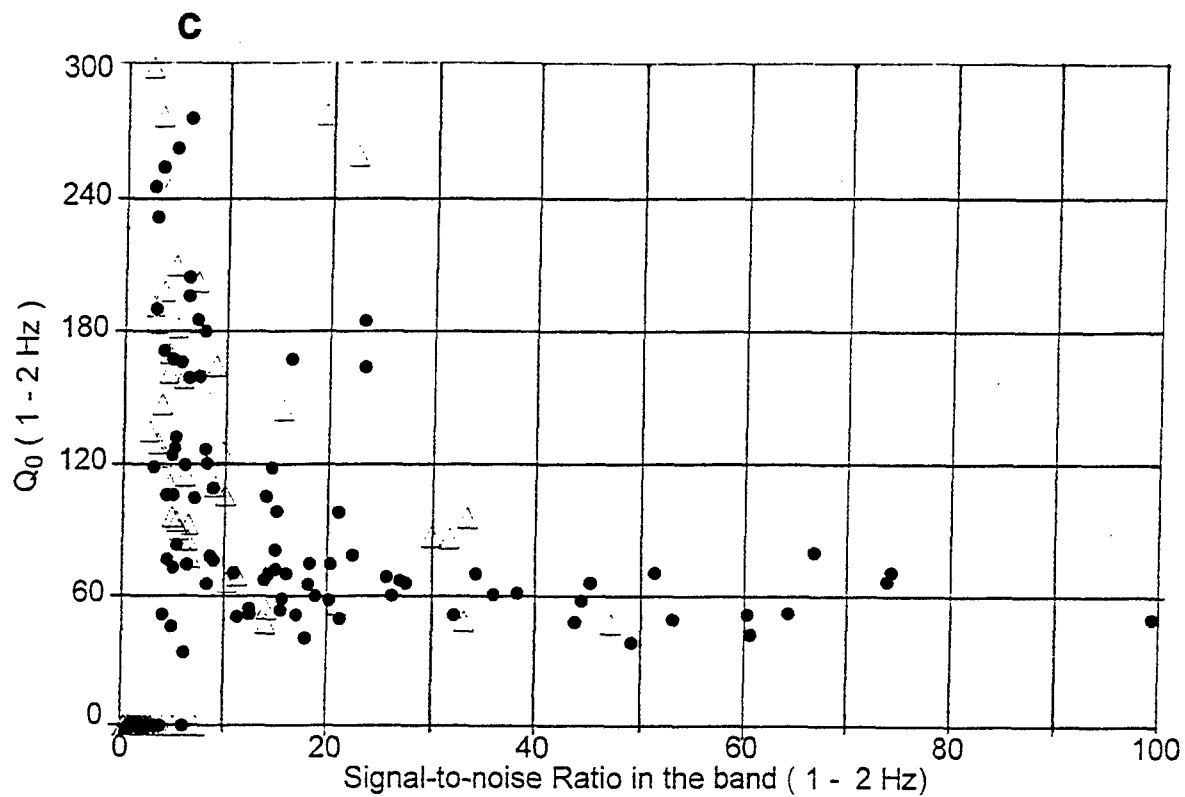


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the larger SNR represents values usually obtained for continental measurements (see, for example, van Eck, 1988).

Parameter $A_0(f)$, mentioned above, measures time-independent spectral amplitudes of coda carrying spectral peculiarities of the source. In van Eck (1988) and Hartse (1995), it is reported that coda spectra of explosions are richer in lower frequency energy as compared to earthquakes. Fig. 21 shows ratio $R = A_0(1.5 \text{ Hz})/A_0(10 \text{ Hz})$ measured for a data set of 28 earthquakes and 30 explosions at different stations; the event populations are highly overlapped being, on average, higher for explosions than for earthquakes. Averaging of R over a set of stations would improve the result, though false values will remain. As shown in the previous section, the spectral ratio of low-to-high frequency energy measured for the whole signal and averaged for a subset of stations appeared to be much more efficient in our study.

Discussion: The explosions usually have dominant surface waves propagating at the upper crust layer with high attenuation which should result in a low Q measured for coda at low frequencies. However, for the given Galilee dataset, Q values did not provide separation for the two populations, even for sufficiently strong events. It is possible that our region has a smaller surface wave attenuation than in the work of Su et al. (1991). Analysis showed that the method is very sensitive to the SNR and, even for regions where it does work, it cannot be applied to weak and/or remote seismic events with $\text{SNR} < 10$.

3.5 DISCUSSION OF RESULTS

The results of the application of all the discriminants described above (except for coda discriminants which failed) to the Galilee dataset (see map in Fig. 2 and Table 1) are presented in Table 10.

All the discriminants show high resolving power. There is only one misclassification by the "C" criterion, event EG23 with $C=0.76$; one misclassification in King's CAP, event EG33 and 2 events, EG26 and EG37, have incorrectly positive LDF value for explosions. The rest: R_E , semblance and ANN output, showed a 100% success rate, without overlapping in the earthquake and explosion populations.

Note that the above mentioned earthquakes from the Kinneret region (e.g. QG23, QG25, QG28) and explosions (EG3, EG8), characterized as marginal events according the spectral ratio R_E , "semblance" and "cross-correlation" criteria in the 1-12 Hz band, are reliably identified by the rest of the

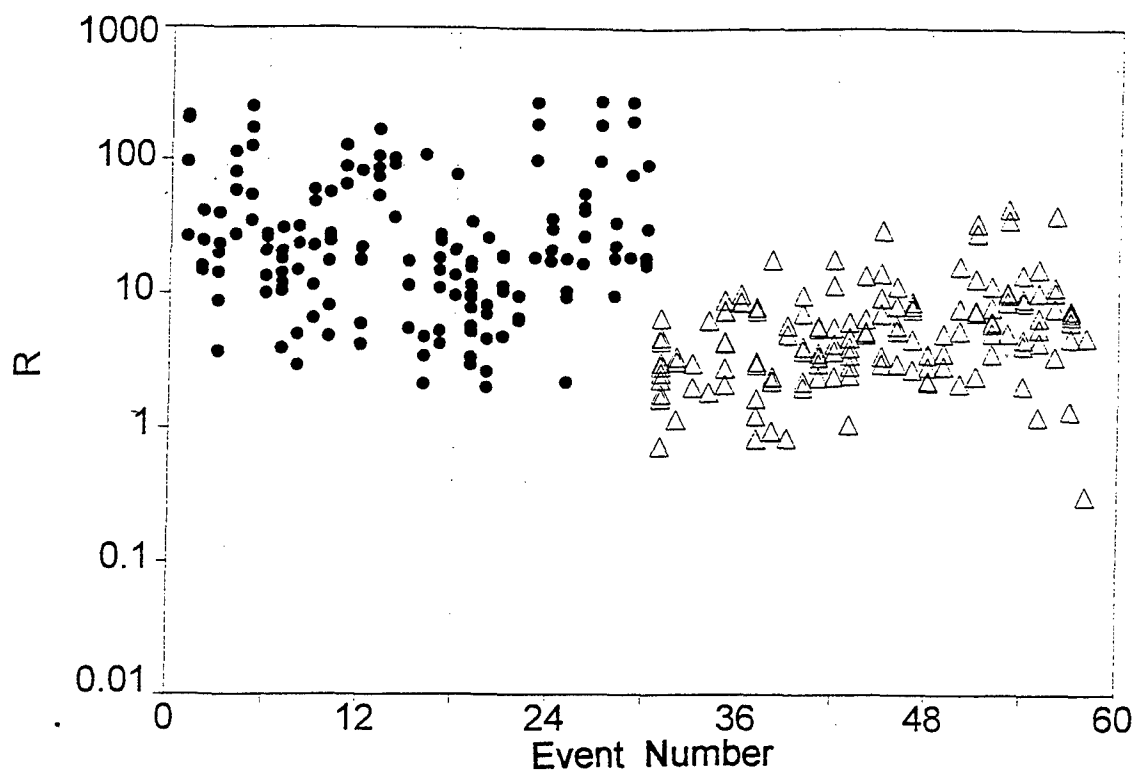


Figure 21. Ratio of coda spectral amplitudes $R = A_0(1.5 \text{ Hz}) / A_0(10 \text{ Hz})$ measured for the Galilee data set of 28 earthquakes (Δ) and 30 explosions (\bullet) at different stations.

discriminants. Hence, mutual application of the different discriminants evidently increases identification resolving power.

Successful discrimination can be attributed mostly to the dominance of low frequency S and surface waves for the very shallow events due to propagation effects in thick sediments present in the region and the ripple-firing phenomenon manifested in that frequency band. Though signal and noise spectra overlap a great deal around 1 Hz (see Fig. 11a), the discriminants showed high robustness even for very weak events with $M_L < 1.0$ (see Table 1) and a poor SNR for most of the stations.

4. APPLICATION OF SPECTRAL RATIO, SEMBLANCE AND VELOGRAM DISCRIMINATION PROCEDURES TO THE SOUTHERN DATASET

Three of the described discriminants were tested on earthquakes and quarry blasts from the southern Dead Sea basin and Negev desert (see map, Fig. 3 and Table 3); values of discriminating parameters are presented in Table 11.

Spectra were calculated for 10 selected ISN stations shown on the map (the distance range 10-150km). Velogram analysis was conducted in a broader range: 10-250km. Examples of typical blast and earthquake recordings and appropriate spectra are presented in Figs. 22 and 23. For most quarry blasts a very clear deep spectral modulation is observed as evidence of high regularity of blasting patterns at the Negev phosphate quarries (see also the remark in Section 5.2). A new feature (compared to the Galilee events), a distinct Rg wave group (see Fig. 22), may be observed on many seismograms of blasts.

The results of joint application of the two spectral discriminants (ratio and semblance/cross-correlation) are shown on Fig. 24, demonstrating almost full separation of the two classes of seismic events. There is only one (of 42 events) evident outlier, earthquake QS9 with an anomalously high average ratio $R_E = 10.6$, $smb = 0.82$ and $cor = 0.78$ and one marginal event QS15 ($smb = 0.64$ and $cor = 0.60$).

Results of velogram analysis are shown on Fig. 25. Two outliers are encountered: earthquake QS10 and blast ES2 (see Table 11). Considering all three discriminants jointly and using the majority voting rule (Wuster, 1993), events QS10, ES2 and QS15 can be correctly classified. The only outlier, nocturnal event QS9, is located in the southern Dead Sea basin near

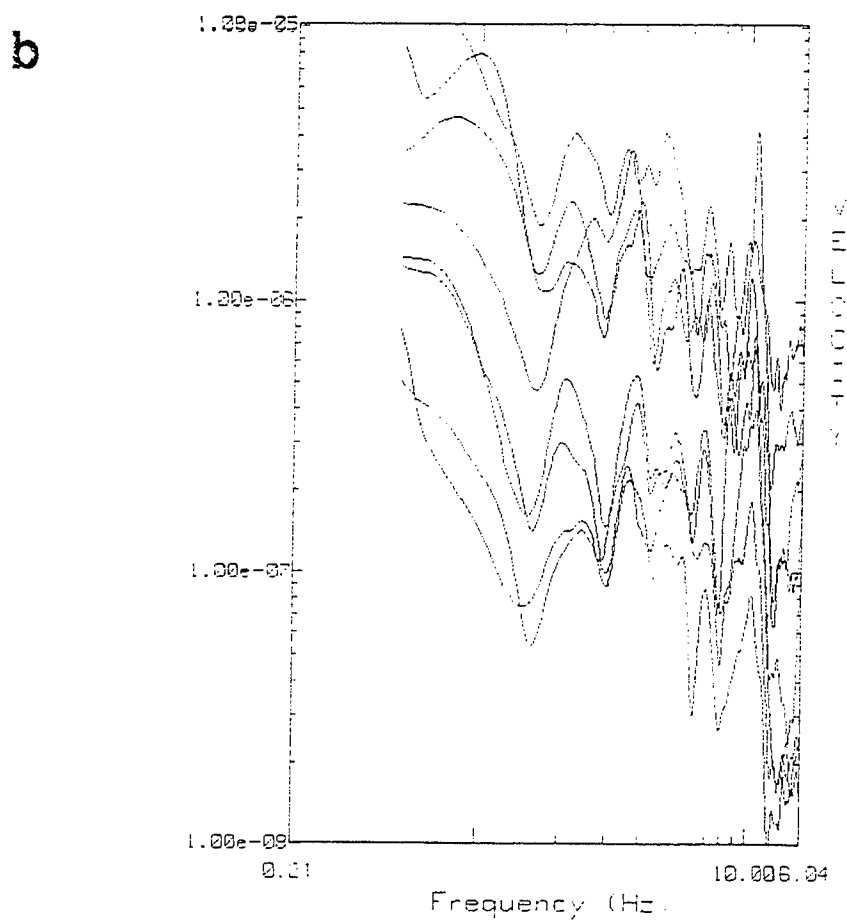
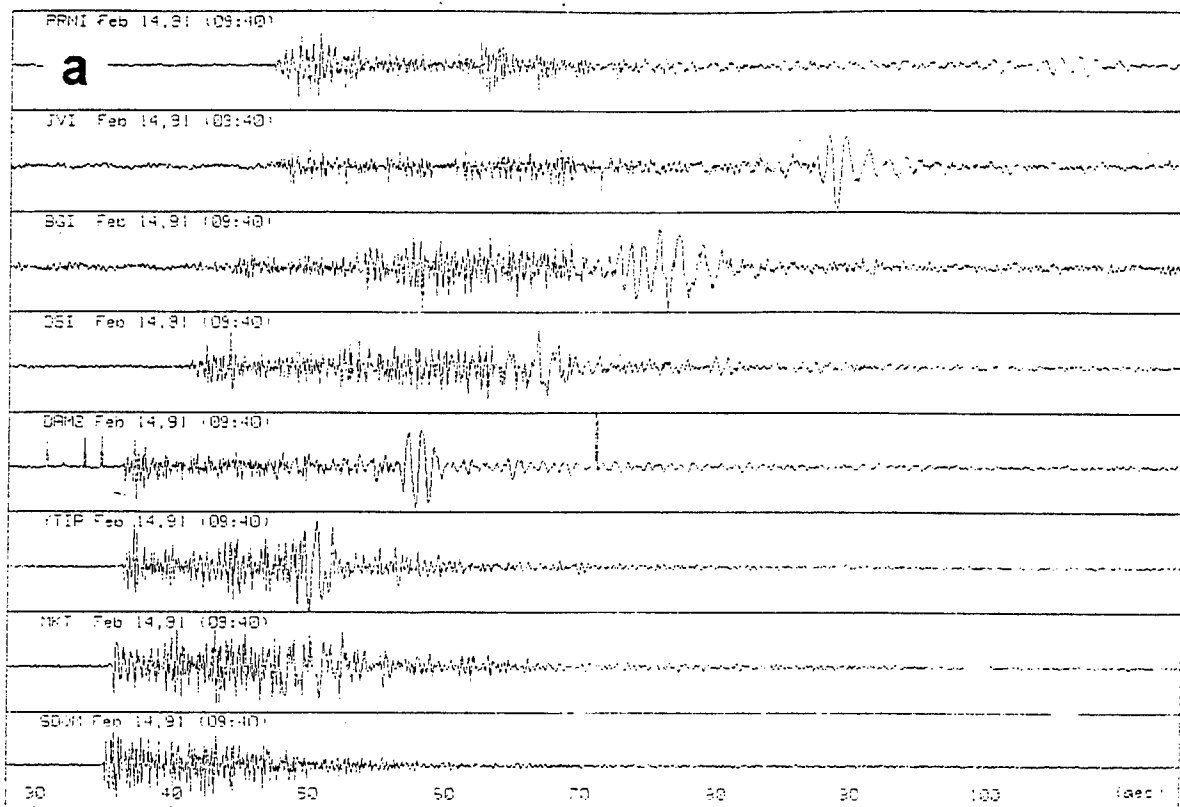


Figure 22. Example of recordings from the Negev quarry blast ES6 (a) showing very clear spectral modulation (b).

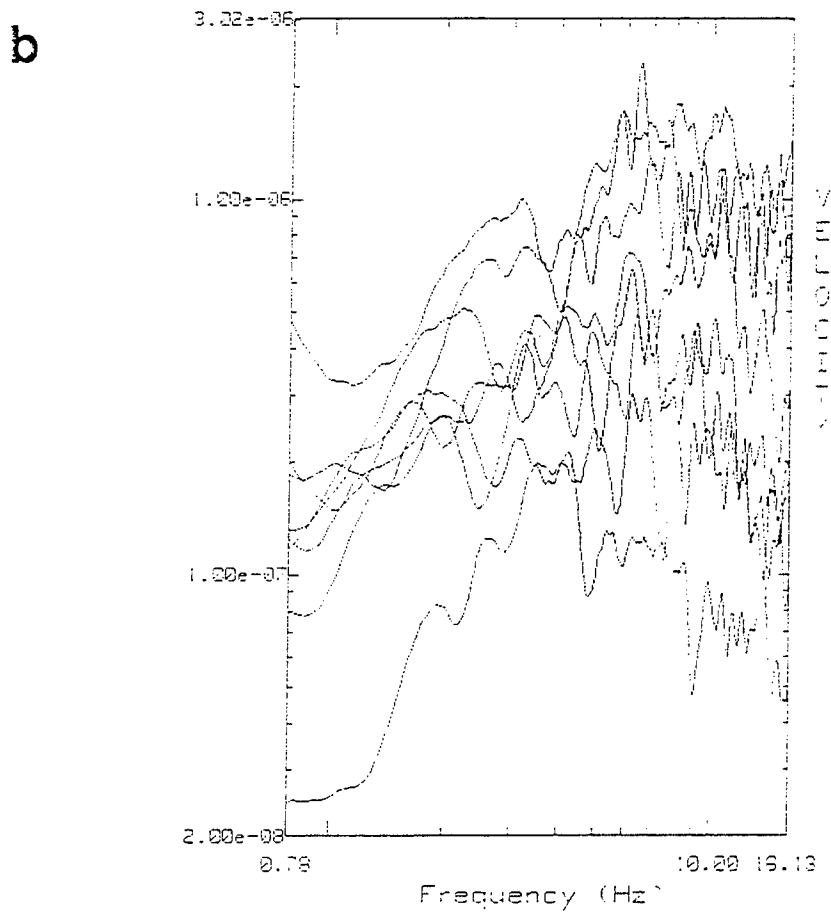
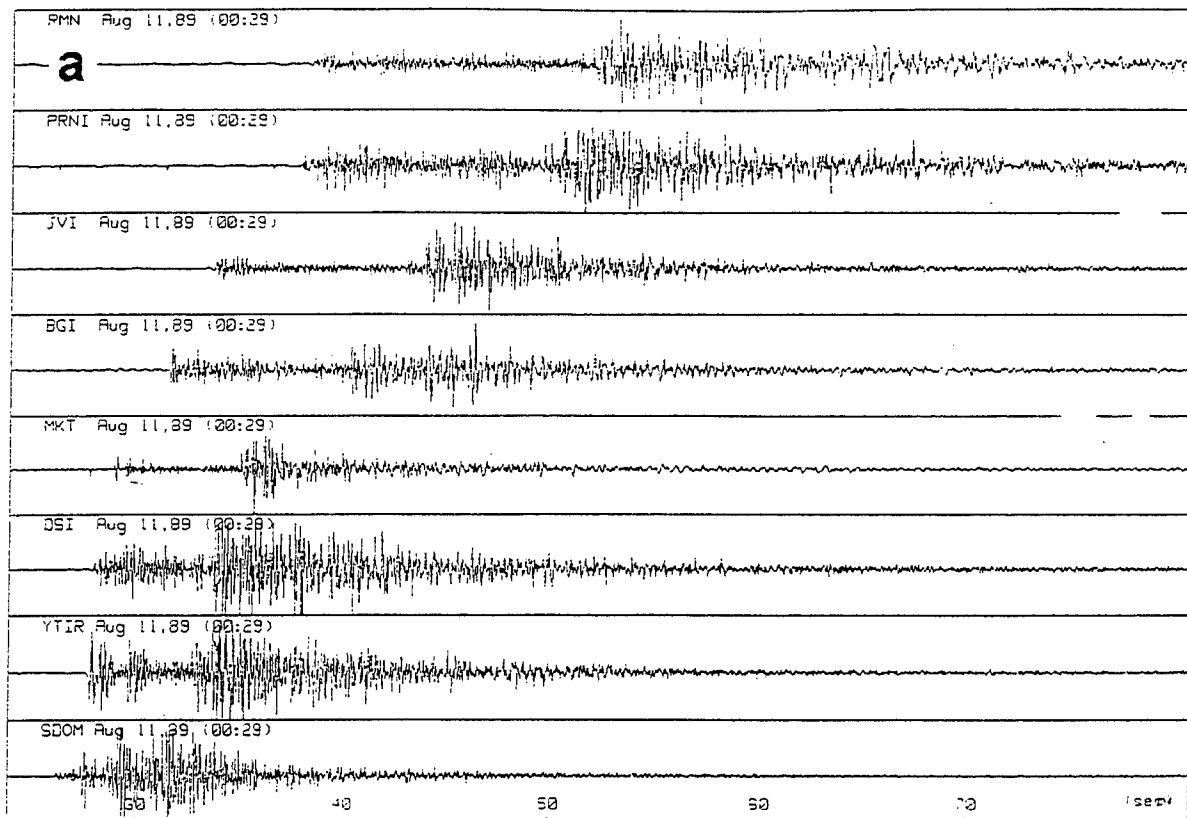


Figure 23. Example of recordings from the Dead Sea earthquake QS3 (a) showing non-coherency of spectral shapes (b).

Dead Sea/Negev dataset

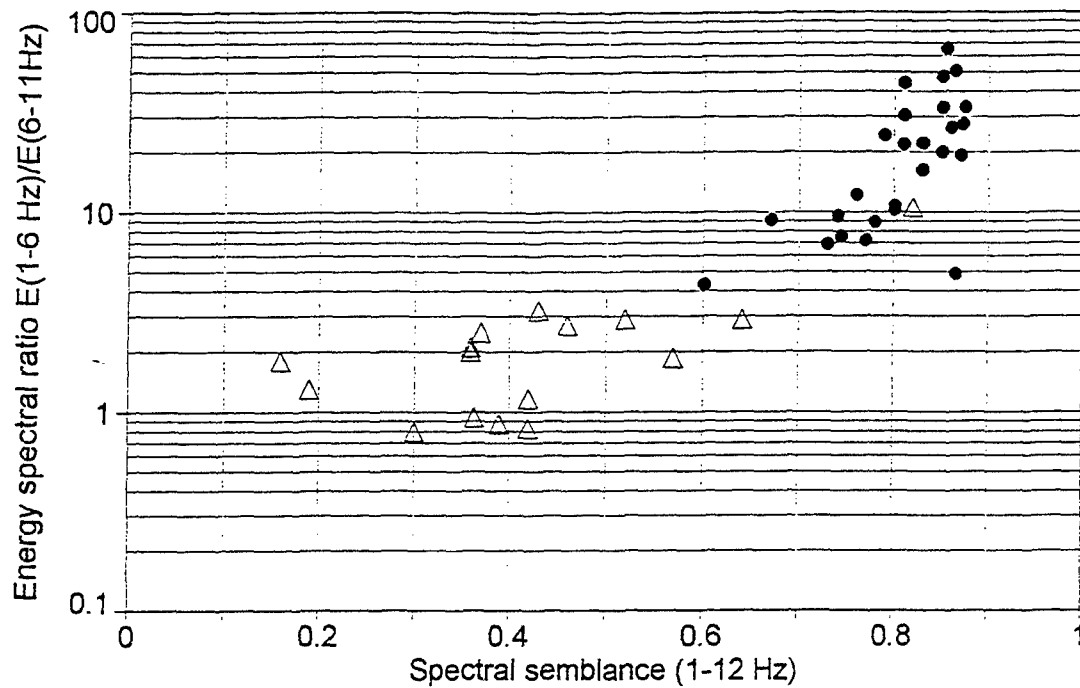


Figure 24. Discrimination results for the Southern dataset: semblance versus energy ratio (Δ - earthquakes, \bullet - quarry blasts).

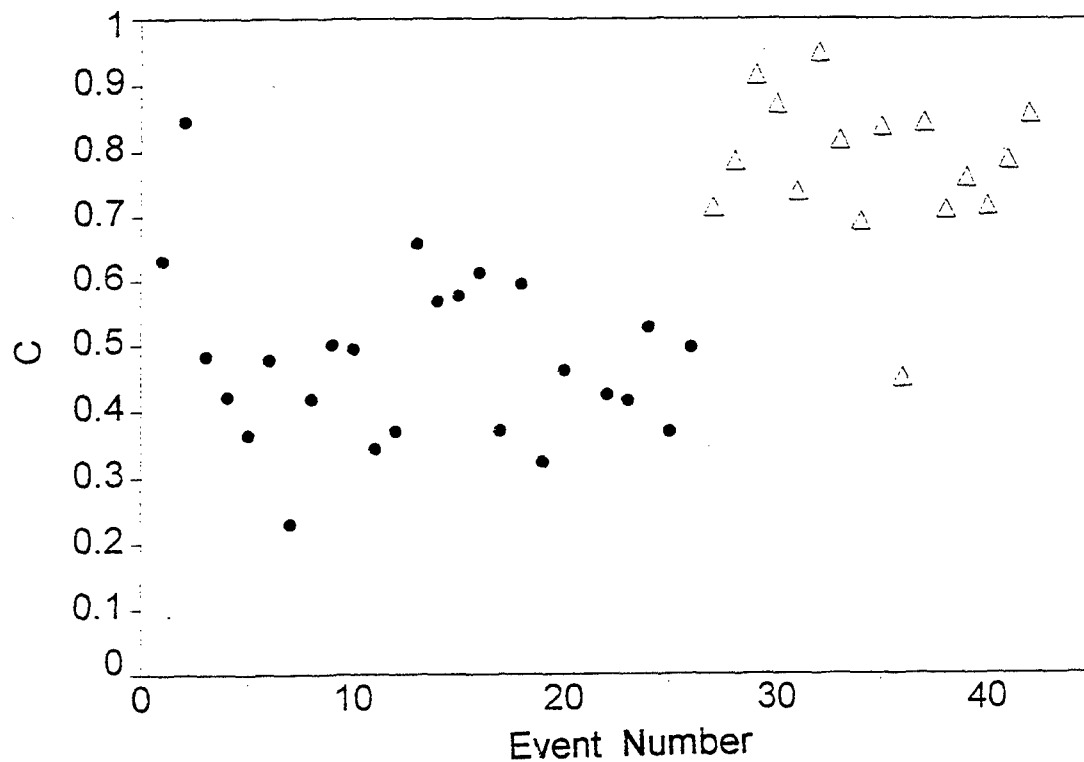


Figure 25. Velogram analysis. Dead Sea/Negev region. Discrimination parameter "C" for 16 earthquakes (Δ) and 26 explosions (\bullet).

Table 11. Discrimination results for the Southern dataset.

Ev.	C, km/s 1-10Hz	Re 1-11Hz	cor. 1-12Hz	sembl.

Quarry blasts				
ES1	0.63	19.3	0.85	0.87
ES2	0.84	10.3	0.80	0.80
ES3	0.48	8.9	0.75	0.78
ES4	0.42	12.2	0.73	0.76
ES5	0.36	10.7	0.77	0.80
ES6	0.48	4.3	0.56	0.60
ES7	0.23	47.4	0.83	0.85
ES8	0.42	20.0	0.82	0.85
ES9	0.50	9.5	0.71	0.74
ES10	0.49	4.9	0.8	0.86
ES11	0.34	65.3	0.83	0.85
ES12	0.37	33.6	0.85	0.87
ES13	0.66	7.5	0.71	0.74
ES14	0.57	26.5	0.84	0.86
ES15	0.58	22.1	0.8	0.83
ES16	0.61	21.8	0.77	0.81
ES17	0.37	50.7	0.84	0.86
ES18	0.59	6.9	0.7	0.73
ES19	0.32	30.4	0.79	0.81
ES20	0.46	9.1	0.63	0.67
ES21	-0.67	44.0	0.78	0.81
ES22	0.42	16.3	0.81	0.83
ES23	0.42	33.2	0.81	0.85
ES24	0.53	24.2	0.74	0.79
ES25	0.37	27.6	0.85	0.87
ES26	0.50	7.2	0.75	0.77
Earthquakes				
QS1	0.71	2.1	0.28	0.36
QS2	0.78	2.5	0.29	0.37
QS3	0.91	0.83	0.35	0.42
QS4	0.87	1.3	0.06	0.19
QS5	0.74	0.94	0.28	0.36
QS6	0.94	1.85	0.51	0.57
QS7	0.82	1.16	0.34	0.42
QS8	0.69	0.87	0.29	0.39
QS9	0.84	10.6	0.78	0.82
QS10	0.45	3.2	0.29	0.43
QS11	0.84	2.9	0.47	0.52
QS12	0.72	2.7	0.41	0.46
QS13	0.76	0.8	0.2	0.3
QS14	0.72	2.0	0.29	0.36
QS15	0.79	2.9	0.60	0.64
QS16	0.86	1.8	0.04	0.16

the shore (see map, Fig. 3) and lies at depth $H=0.0\pm 1.4\text{km}$ (mislocation estimates are also very small, $dX, dY < 1\text{km}$). An attempt to improve location did not change the result. Possibly, the very shallow source of this earthquake led to low-frequency spectral content of the seismograms and, hence, caused anomaly values of spectral discriminants.

5. APPLICATION OF SPECTRAL RATIO AND SEMBLANCE TO MEDITERRANEAN AND DEAD SEA UNDERWATER EXPLOSIONS, JORDANIAN QUARRY BLASTS AND SINGLE QUARRY BLASTS

Only spectral discriminants were applied to distinctive man-made events:

- a) UWE in the Mediterranean (illegal fishing therefore no ground-truth information); and
- b) a set of single UWEs in the Dead Sea for seismic profiling, single blasts at Israeli quarries Revaya and Har Nitzim and ripple fired blasts at a Jordanian quarry (all with ground-truth information) (see maps in Figs. 3, 5 and 6 and Tables 3-6).

5.1 UWE

Detonations in deep water produce seismic waves bearing spectral features caused by a source (bubbling phenomenon) and path propagation effect (reverberations). Gitterman and Shapira (1994) gave a detailed description of low-frequency azimuth-invariant spectral modulation observed from ISN recordings of UWE off the coast of the Levant and similar to ripple firing. They also showed that source-effect interference is significant, but of a different physical nature, i.e. interference of gas bubble oscillations which are produced by the interaction of the expanding volume of explosion-generated gases and hydraulic pressure.

This bubbling effect produces a complete harmonic series of spectral maxima (unlike odd harmonic series due to the vertical reverberation in the water layer near the source) with a fundamental frequency f_{1b} , which is characterized by the detonation depth, $d(\text{m})$ and the explosive yield, W (kg of TNT) (see, for example, Willis, 1963):

$$f_{1b} = (d+10)^{5/6} / (2.1W^{1/3}); \quad f_{nb} = nf_{1b}, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots \quad (9)$$

Remarkable examples of spectral maxima series up to the fifth order due to the bubbling phenomenon were presented by Gitterman and Shapira (1994) for UWE in the Tyre region, with high coherency of spectral shapes at different ISN stations. These effects, not observed in the case of earthquakes (occurring off the coast) can be utilized in the semblance discrimination procedure. Here we present only one example of an UWE (see Fig. 26), showing long trains of low-frequency surface waves on seismograms owing to bubbling and reverberations (and causing overestimation of local magnitudes).

Similar wave trains are observed on seismograms of experimental Dead Sea explosions (see example for the largest explosion, EU1 on Fig. 27). Bubbling actually affects all types of recorded seismic waves throughout the whole seismogram, however it is better manifested in the initial body-wave portion (P and P-coda) of the seismogram, which is virtually free from reverberations and low-velocity channelling effects: Fig. 27b shows a complete harmonic series (3, 6 and 9 Hz) due to the bubbling effect. Spectra of the whole signal are much more complicated and mixed with reverberations maxima (Fig. 27c), however low-frequency SM minima (4.5 and 7.5 Hz), corresponding to the bubbling interference, are sharpened and expressed more distinctly.

Using ground truth information (Table 5) and taking into account the high density of salt water in the Dead Sea ($\rho=1.4 \text{ gr/cm}^3$) (correction to greater depth), we estimated from Eq. 9 the bubbling fundamental frequency for the explosion EU1, $f_{1b} \approx 3.2 \text{ Hz}$, corresponding well to the observed value $f_{1b} \approx 3.0 \text{ Hz}$ (Fig. 27b). (Without going into detail, we would like to note that this f_{1b} value is possibly very close to the reverberation fundamental frequency $f_{1r} = V_0/4H$, for the sound velocity in the Dead Sea $V_0 = 1600\text{--}1700 \text{ m/sec}$ and an average water depth $H = 150\text{--}250 \text{ m}$, causing merging of the two first maxima of bubbling and reverberation).

The average energy spectral ratio and spectral coherency statistics were applied to selected off-shore events from the Tyre region and single explosions in the Dead Sea for seismic profiling; results are shown on Fig. 28.

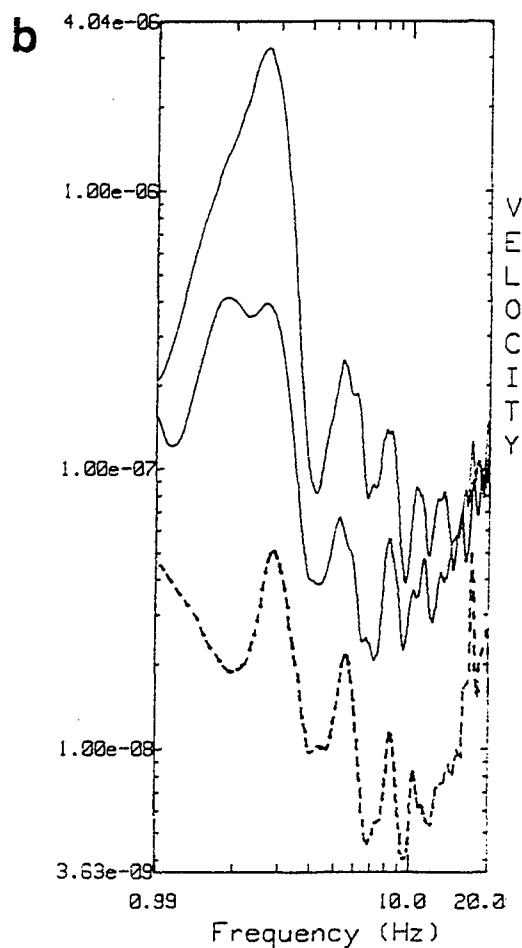
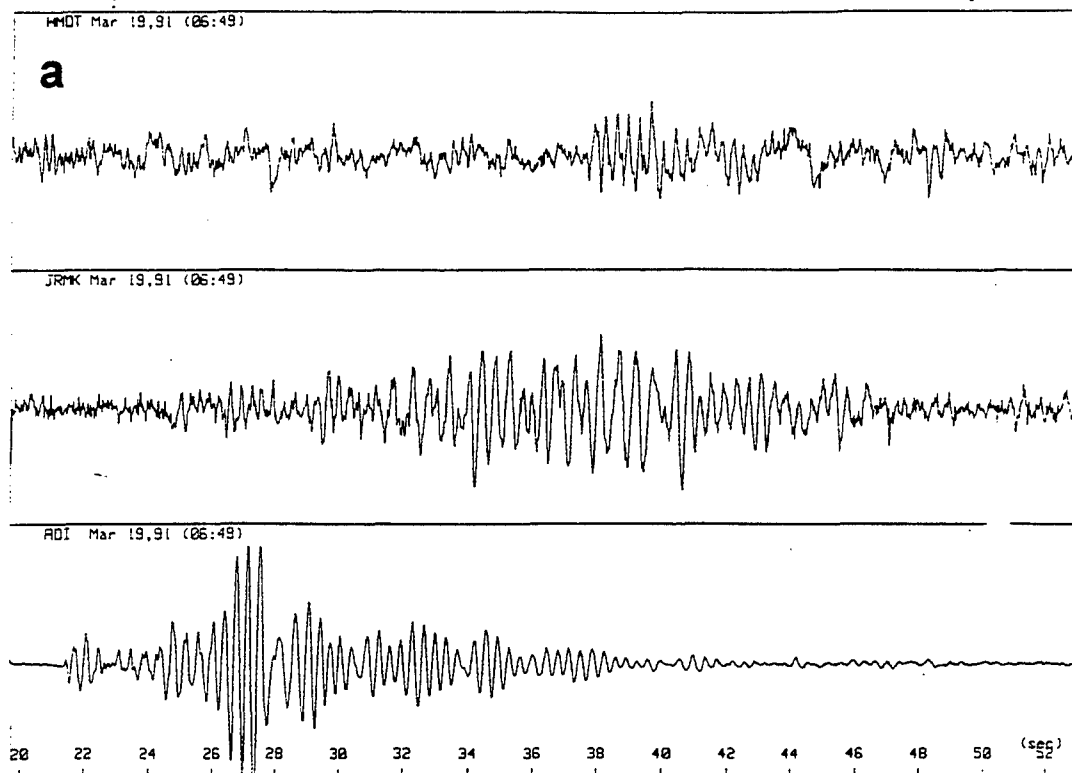


Figure 26. Example of underwater explosion recordings from the Tyre region (EU7) (a) showing a complete harmonic series in the spectra of the whole signal (b).

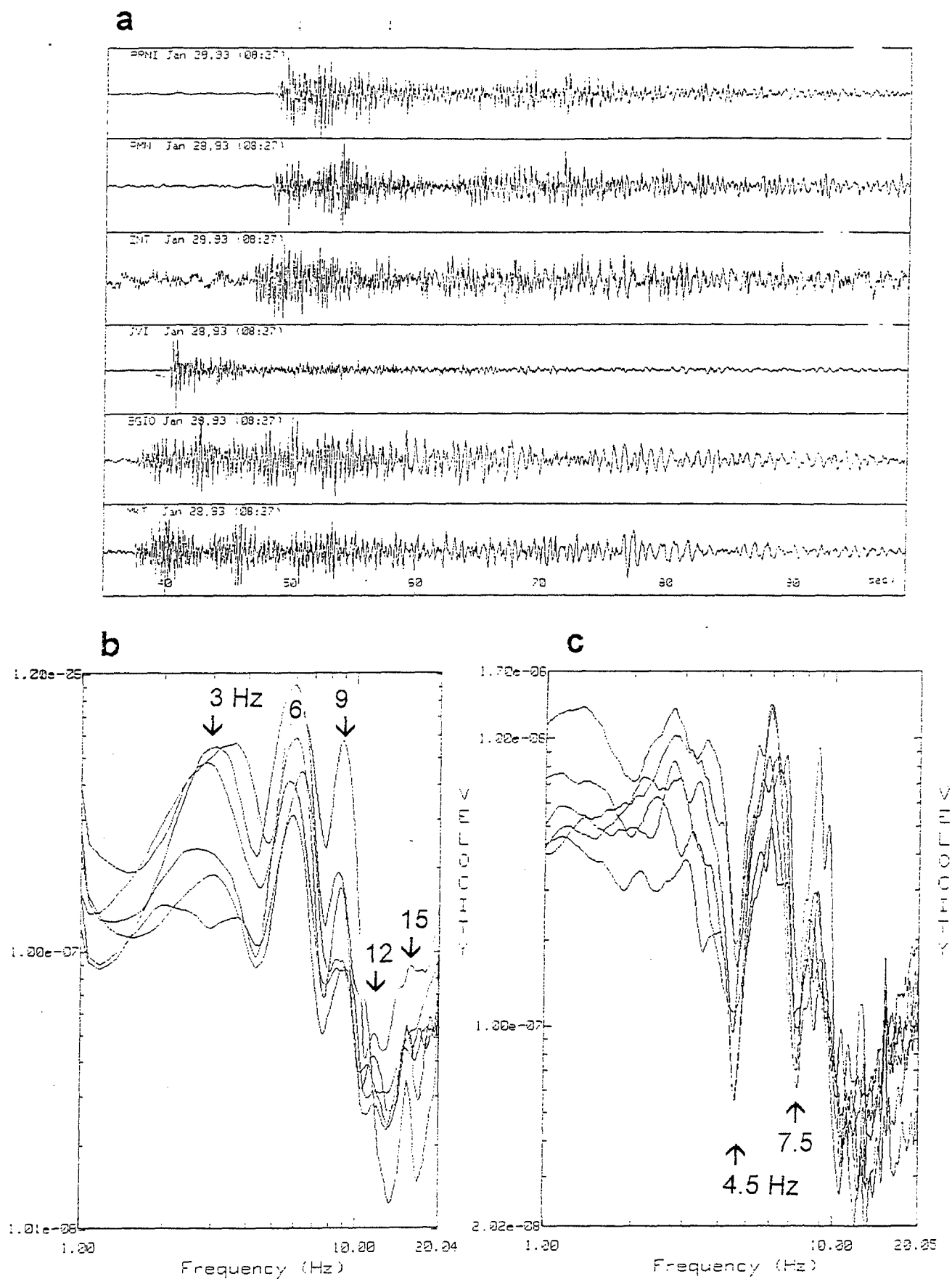


Figure 27. Example of the Dead Sea experimental underwater explosion EX1 with charge weight $W = 304$ kg: (a) recordings; (b) spectra of the first 8 sec of P and P-coda waves; (c) spectra of the whole signal (about 60 sec).

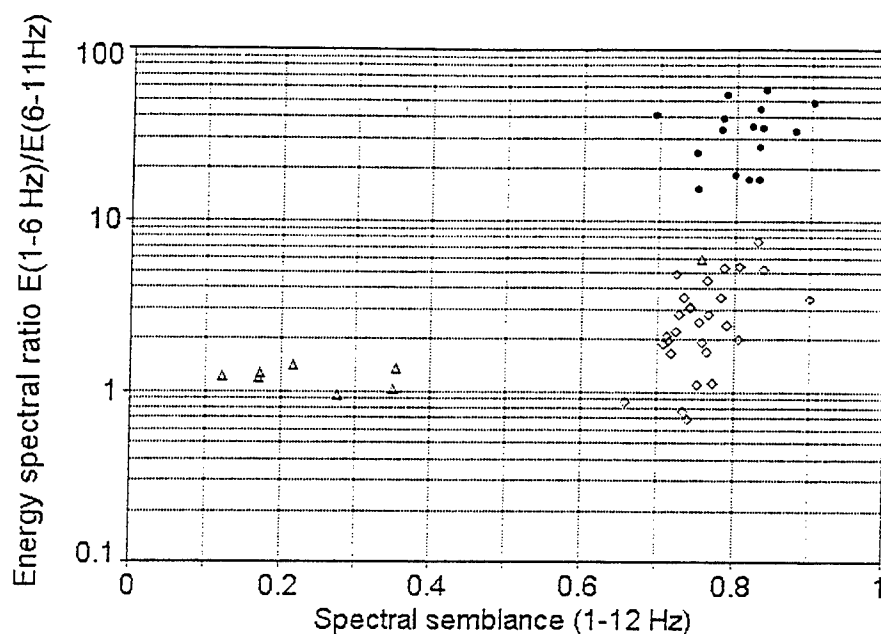


Figure 28. Discrimination results for the Tyre region seismic events and Dead Sea experimental underwater explosions: semblance versus energy ratio (Δ - earthquakes. \bullet - Mediterranean UWE. \diamond - Dead Sea UWE).

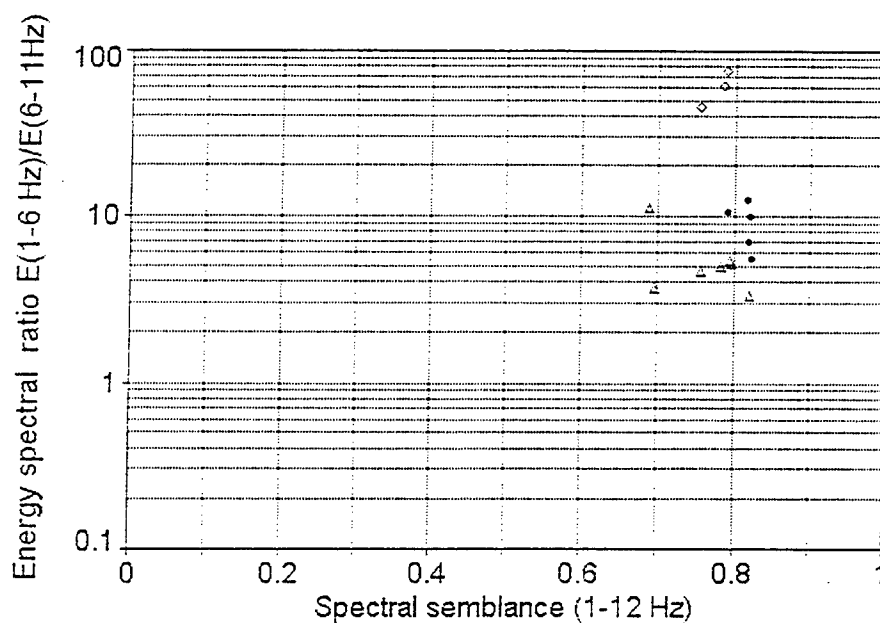


Figure 29. Discrimination results (semblance versus energy ratio) for Jordanian ripple-fired quarry blasts (\bullet), single quarry blasts at Har Hitzim (Δ) and Revaya (\diamond).

5.2 QUARRY BLASTS

Seismograms and spectra of one of the ripple-fired blasts (EJ1) from a Jordanian quarry (see Table 6) are shown in Fig. 30. We do not have detailed information regarding patterns of blasting practice, but we may assume a high regularity of shot parameters along the bench owing to very deep spectral minima (nulls). Variance (deviation) of delays and delayed charge weights (in groups of shot holes) causes a reduction in modulation depth or smoothing of sharp spectral troughs and peaks (Gitterman and van Eck, 1993).

The average energy spectral ratio and spectral coherency statistics were calculated for the Jordanian quarry blasts and selected single blasts from two Israel quarries (see Table 6); results are shown in Fig. 29 and Table 12. For comparison, we also took several south earthquakes located relatively close to the blasts (Table 6).

Seismograms and spectra of two single blasts from two Israeli quarries (see Table 6) are shown in Fig. 31: an obvious difference in waves forms and spectral contents for the two examples is observed. More detailed analysis of spectral and kinematic features of single quarry blasts affecting discrimination performance, will be carried out in the subsequent stage of the project. The single blasts database will, if necessary, be enlarged and additional analysis, relating to "yield-magnitude" and "amplitude (energy)-scaled distance" relationships is assumed.

5.3 DISCRIMINATION RESULTS

Values of spectral discriminating parameters are presented in Table 12. The values for Jordanian quarry ripple-fired blasts are close to those estimated for the Galilee and Negev regions (see Figs. 13 and 24). The spectral ratio for Har Nitzim quarry single blasts is low, unlike that for Revaya quarry blasts. This may be explained by the quite different character of wave groups and frequencies, as clearly demonstrated in Fig. 31, caused by the uppermost local geology near the quarries.

The semblance and cross-correlation values for single blasts are lower than for ripple fired blasts but higher than for earthquakes. A possible explanation is that single shot spectra do not possess interference modulation caused by delays, but are, in actual fact, point sources and radiated waves have a weak azimuthal dependence, unlike line sources of earthquakes subjected to the directivity effect (see Section 3.1.4). Apart from the left hand side of a single blast spectra (at different stations)

Table 12. Discrimination results for the Jordanian
and single quarry blasts.

Event	Ratio Re 1 - 11 Hz	sembl. 1 - 12 Hz	correl.
Jordanian quarry blasts			
EJ1	9.8	0.82	0.78
EJ2	10.4	0.79	0.76
EJ3	12.4	0.82	0.80
EJ4	5.5	0.82	0.79
EJ5	6.9	0.82	0.79
Single quarry blasts			
SB1	60.7	0.784	0.712
SB2	74.8	0.789	0.747
SB3	45.9	0.755	0.673
SB4	4.9	0.782	0.728
SB5	5.1	0.797	0.729
SB6	4.6	0.757	0.696
SB7	11.2	0.688	0.584
SB8	5.4	0.794	0.726
SB9	3.3	0.820	0.730
SB10	3.7	0.697	0.596

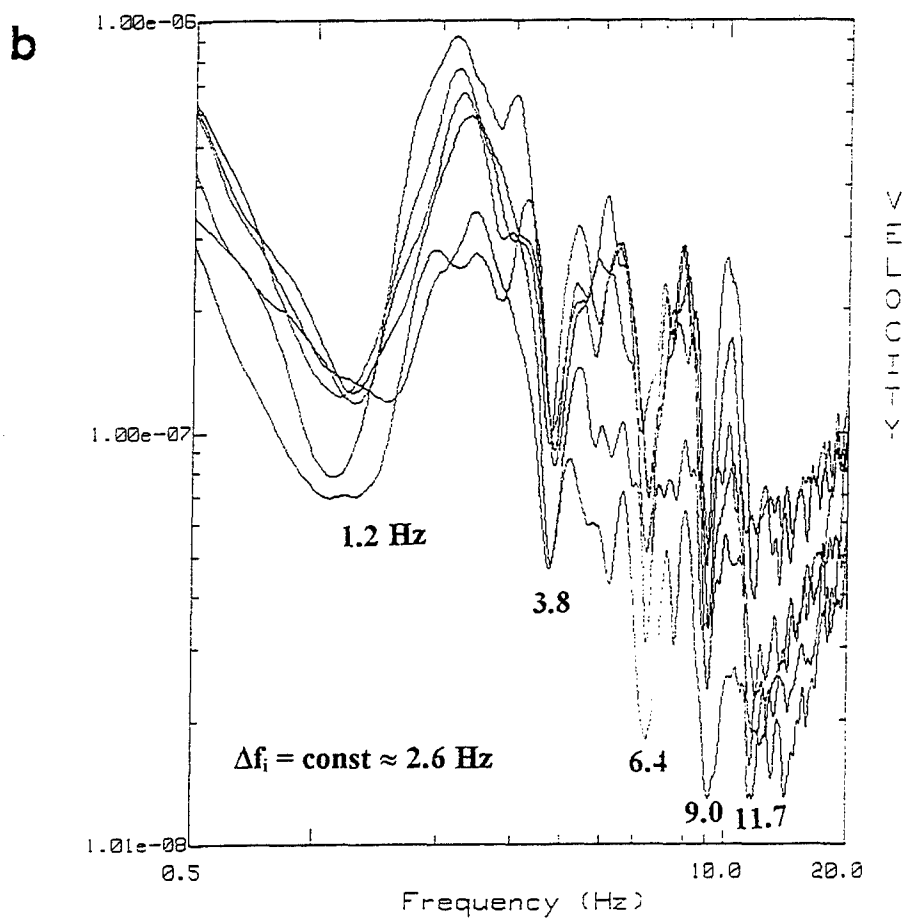
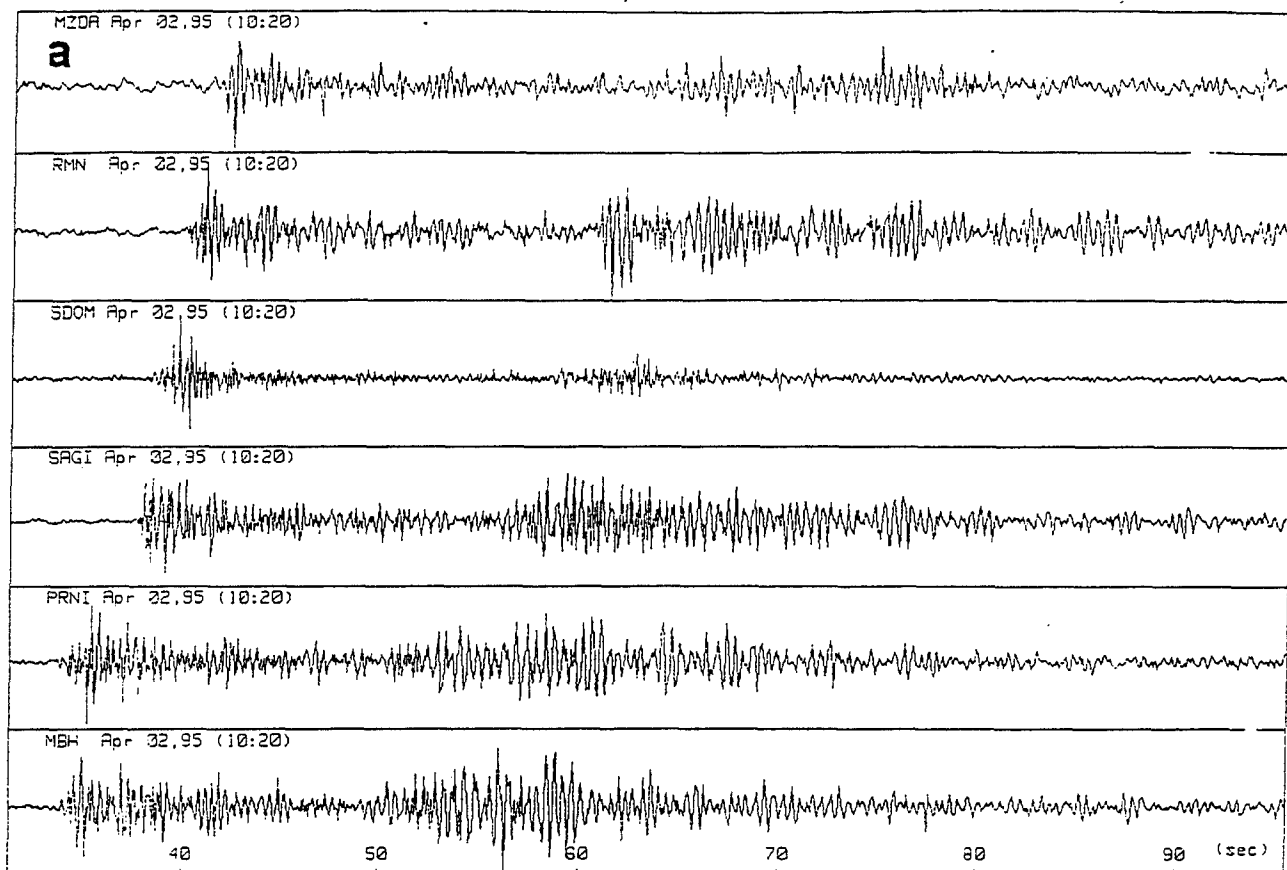


Figure 30. Seismograms (a) and spectra (b) of the ripple-fired blast EJ1 from a Jordanian quarry (distance range 114-168 km, azimuth range 260°-340°, $t \approx 60$ sec).

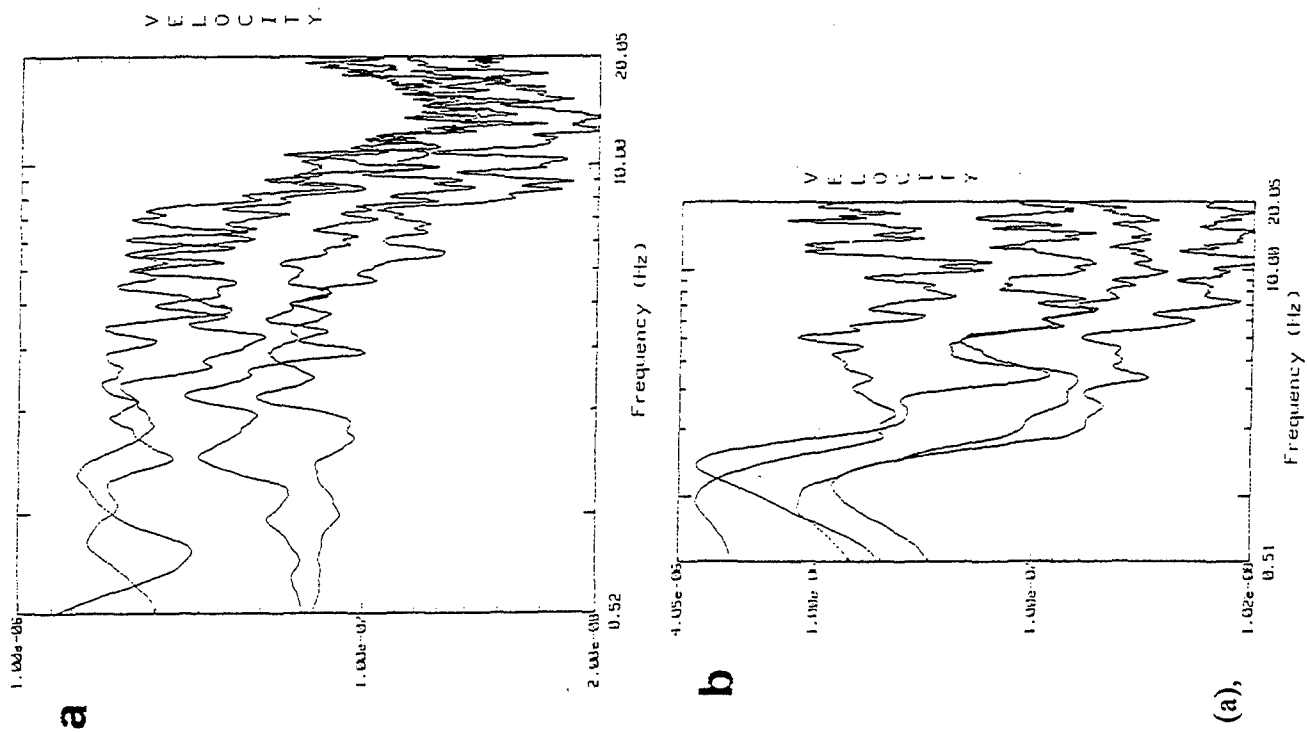


Figure 31. Seismograms and spectra of single quarry blasts SB5 (Har Niltzim) (a), and SB2 (Revaya) (b).

show some coherency due to low frequency surface waves (Fig. 31) and make a significant contribution to semblance and cross-correlation statistics.

6. APPLICATION OF VELOGRAM ANALYSIS TO THE GILAD DATASET

The velogram technique previously described was applied to the data set of the Gilad region (see Section 2.8), consisting of 15 presumed explosions and 19 earthquakes. The results of computation of the "C" discriminator are shown in Table 7 and Fig. 32a. Initially, three events, ED4, ED8 and ED13, from the presumed explosions population were classified as earthquakes with C values equal to 0.91, 0.69 and 0.70, correspondingly, according the $C=0.69$ criteria chosen above. No errors were encountered in the earthquakes set. Suspicious events QD7 and QD13, close to the explosion locations cluster, were reliably estimated as earthquakes with a C value equal to 0.81 and 0.97, correspondingly. The time and spectral domain visual analysis of the events agrees with that conclusion.

Returning to the three wrongly classified explosions, we found that mistakes encountered can be easily corrected provided some simple additional criteria are introduced. On Fig. 33a shows $V_m(R)$ curves of the three explosions. The curve for event ED4 has a large anomaly value of S group velocity $V_m=3.9$ km/s at a distance of 29km, owing to significant interference (unusual for both earthquakes and explosions) of P-wave coda with S-wave train. In the case of ED13, the value $V_m=2.1$ km/s is too small both for earthquakes and explosions at a distance of 193km. In the third case (event ED8), we deal with a relatively low $V_m=2.7$ km/s at a distance of 180km.

If a kind of appropriate distance-dependent confidence interval (as additional criteria) is chosen, the anomaly points may be ignored. Excluding the mentioned points (stations) from velograms of the corresponding events, we obtained corrected $V_m(R)$ curves (Fig. 33b) and C values, presented in the C* column of Table 7. After correction, events ED4 and ED13 fit the criteria with C values of 0.62 and 0.67 and event ED8 is of marginal character. The final results are shown also in Fig. 32b.

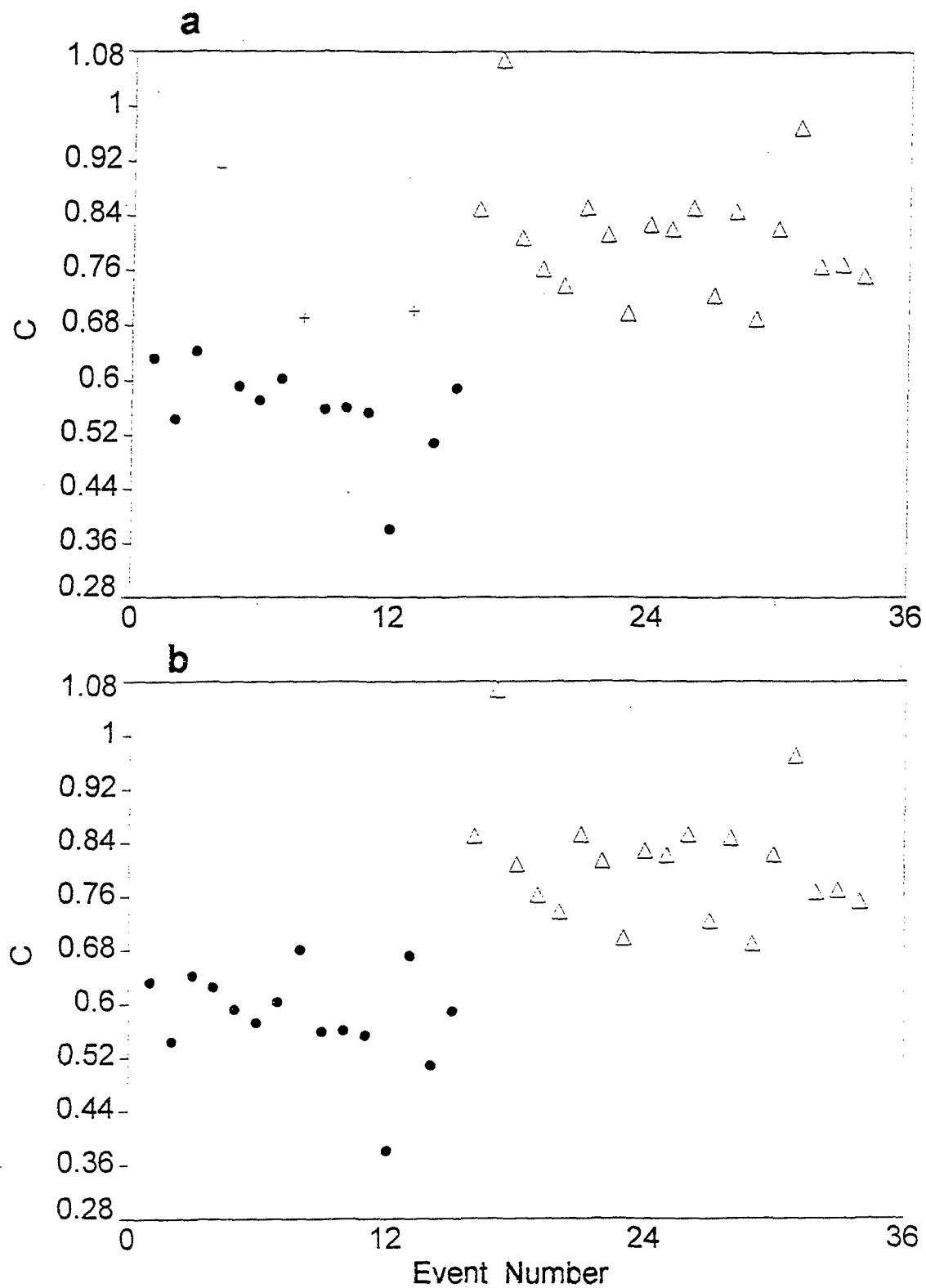


Figure 32. Velogram analysis. Gilad region. Discrimination parameter "C" for 19 earthquakes (Δ) and 15 explosions (•), before (a) and after (b) correction. Three misclassified explosions (+) are shown.

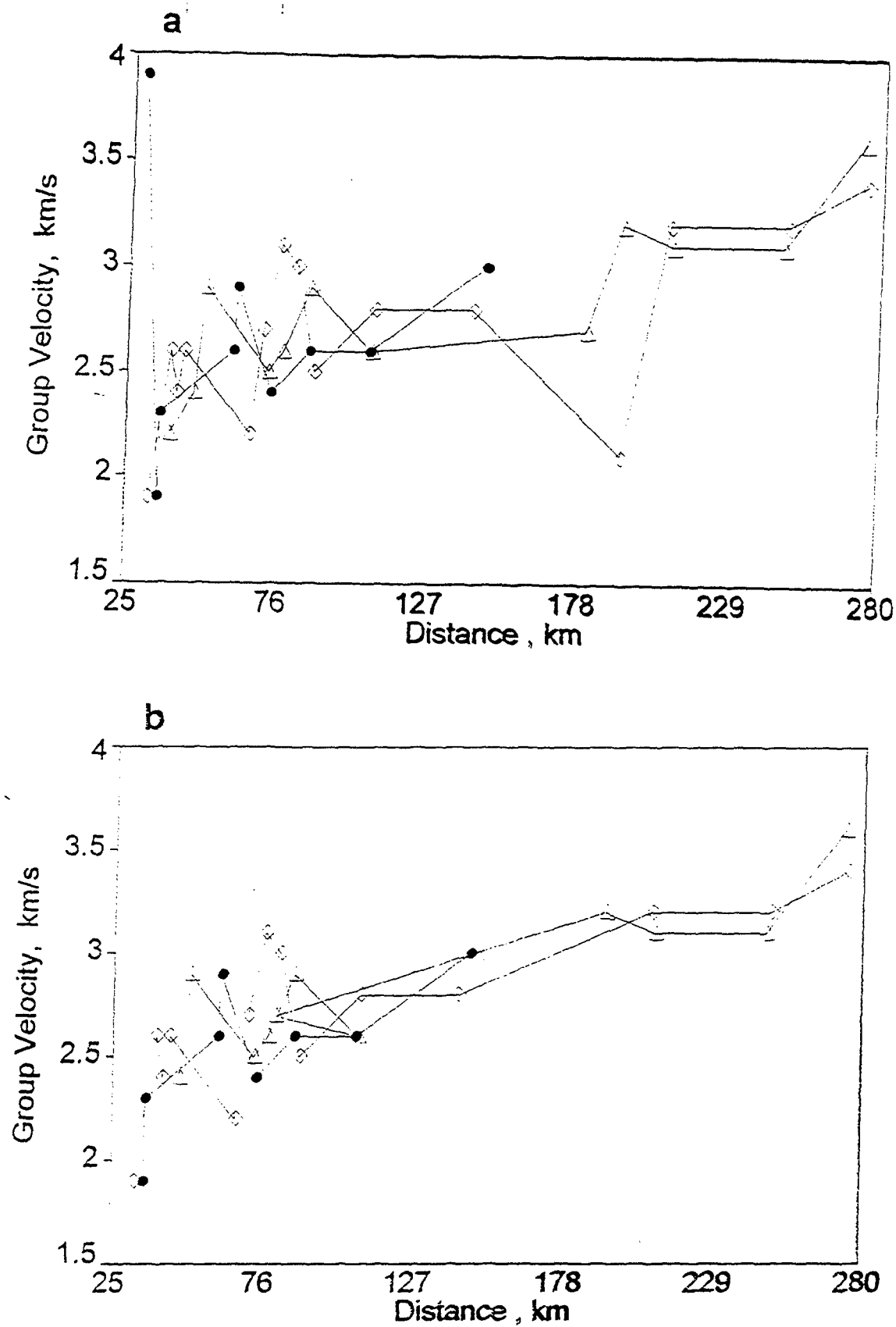


Figure 33. Velogram analysis. Gilad region. $V_m(R)$ curves of the 3 initially misclassified Gilad explosions, before (a) and after (b) correction.

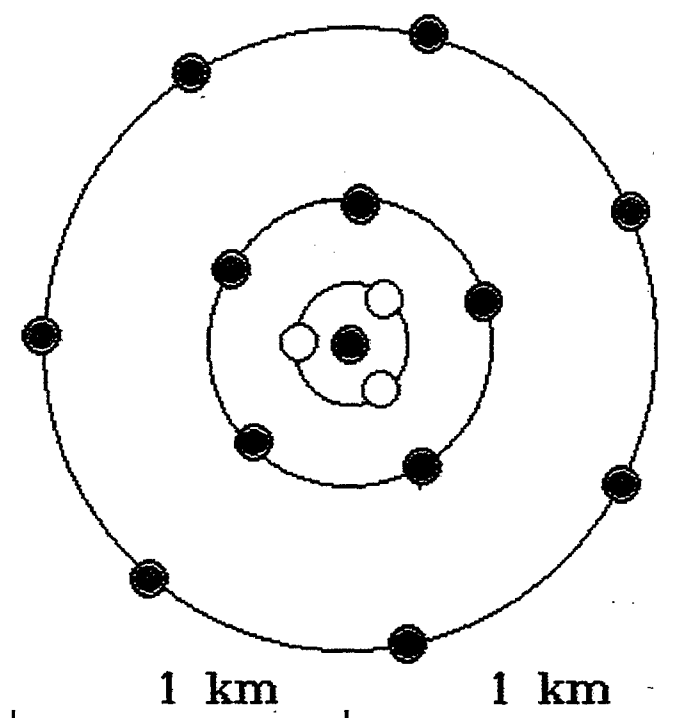
7. INVESTIGATION OF A SIMPLIFIED SMALL APERTURE SEISMIC ARRAY.

A simplified small aperture (2km), short period seismic array consisting of 13 stations and three concentric circles was deployed in the Negev in June 1995 (Fig. 34). Preliminary results show good improvement of the signal-to-noise ratio and stable detection of week regional events (Fig. 35) using the standard beamforming technique. However, results previously obtained from an experimental micro-array we tested in the Galilee, show that the classic algorithms do not provide sufficient accuracy in resolving the azimuth and apparent velocities (Malitzky and Shapira, 1994a,b). Small variations (0.2-0.5 sec) of the start time or window length selected for F-K analysis can lead to 8-10 variations in the arrival azimuth determinations (Fig. 36 and 37).

It should be noted that we are aiming for an accuracy of less than 5° (standard deviation) in azimuth determination. These results lead us to seek another approach. We are continuing to develop and examine an interactive process based on phase correlation analysis (Gelchinsky and Krauklis, 1964, Gelchinsky et al., 1985). To reduce hardware costs, we have invested a great deal of effort in developing software for personal computers.

It has been demonstrated that behavior of the phase correlation function is very sensitive for detection of week seismic signals in the case of relatively high noise level (Fig. 38). Preliminary results show that the new procedure provides enhanced azimuth determinations with an accuracy of $\pm 1^\circ$ and precise identification (better than 0.1 sec) of the first P and S arrivals (Fig. 39 and 40) (Malitzky and Shapira, 1995).

The operation and maintenance of the micro-array was financed by IPRG. Unfortunately, owing to significant budgetary cuts, the IPRG Seismology Division had to dismantle the micro-array. We hope to obtain the necessary funds, possibly during 1997, to re-install the micro-array at a different location and continue this investigation.



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$$R_{\min} = 199 \text{ m}$$

$$\alpha = 2.15$$

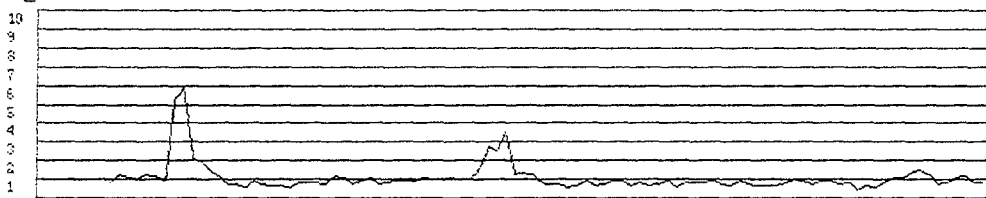
Figure 34. Israeli Regional Experimental Seismic Array configuration.

SINGLE CHANNEL

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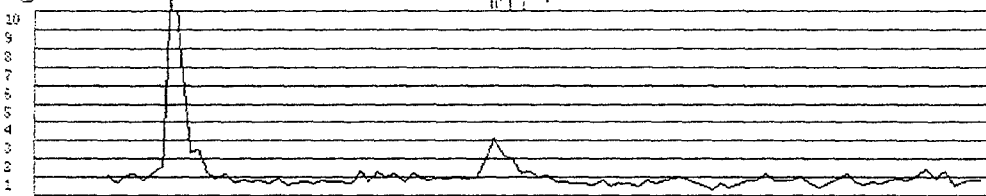
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BEAM



signal/noise



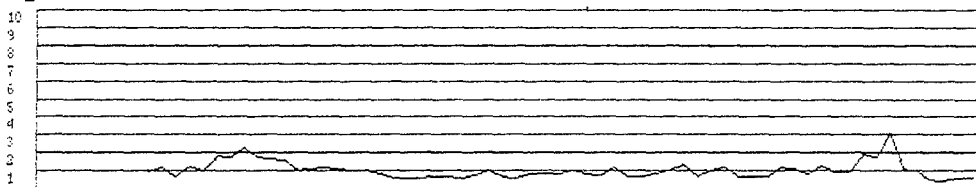
A. Cyprus, $M_L=2.2$, $\Delta=500$ km.

SINGLE CHANNEL

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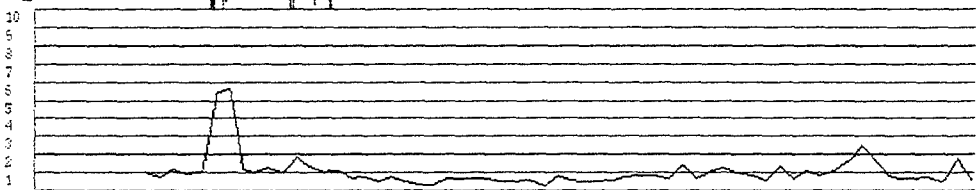
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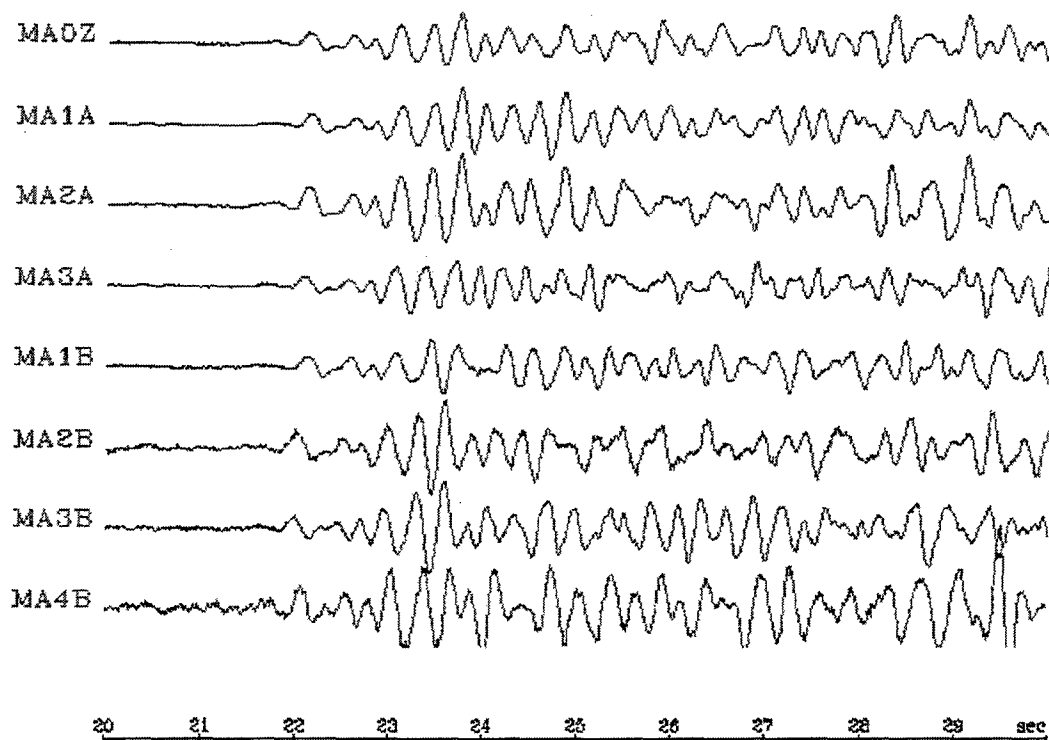
B. Explosion near Beirut, $M_L=2.2$, $\Delta=350$ km.

Figure 35. Signal-to-noise improvement using array technique.

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F-k RESULTS

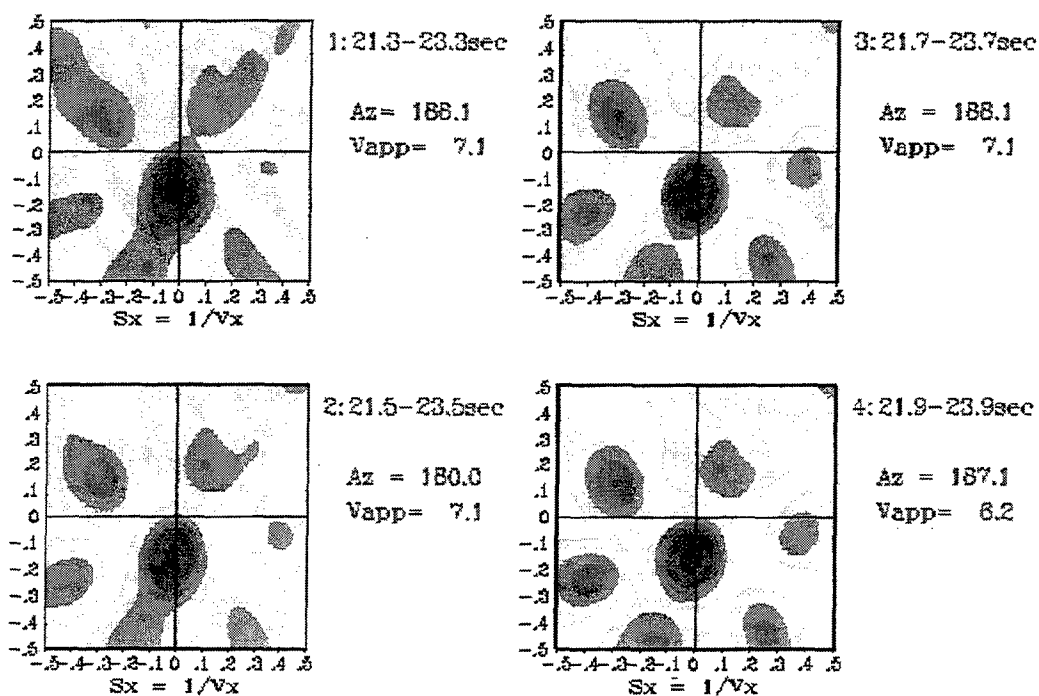
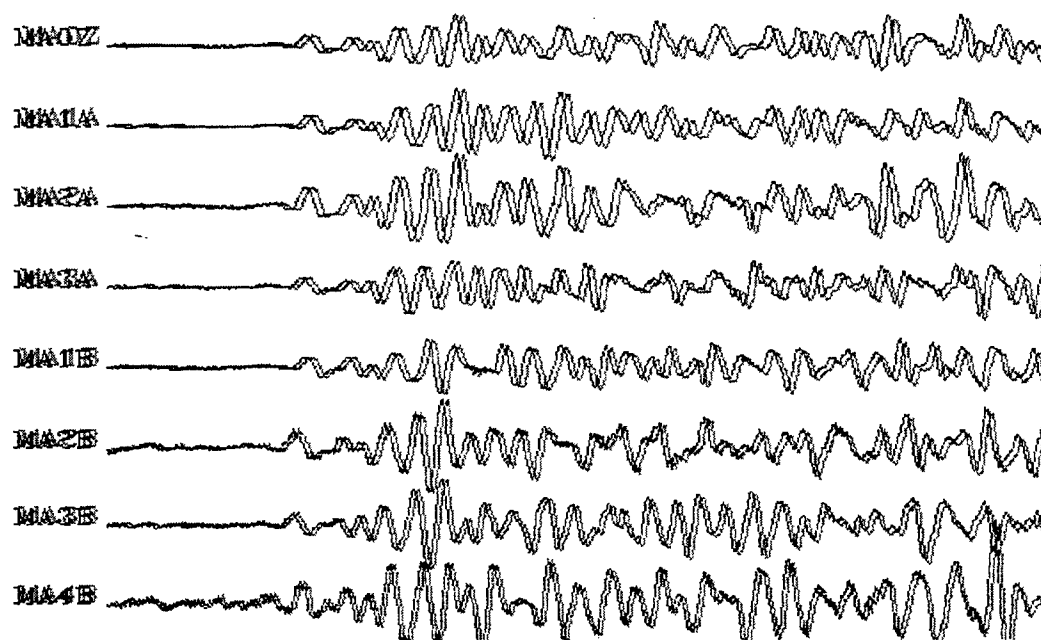


Figure 36. F-k diagrams calculated for time windows of different positions.

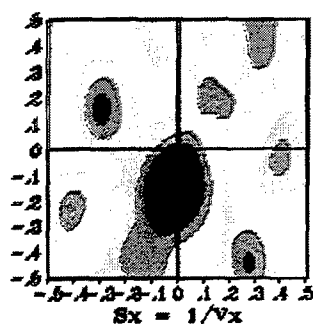
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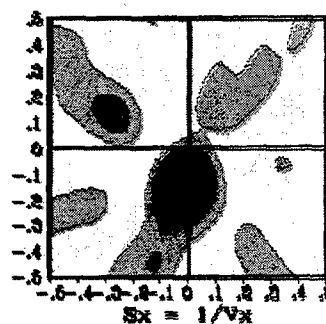
F-k RESULTS



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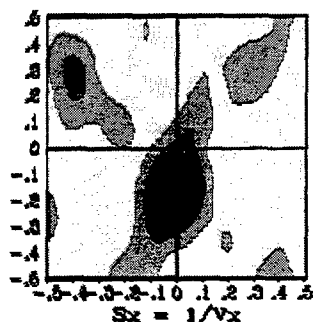
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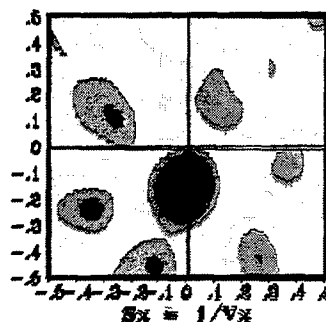
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Vapp = 7.1



4: 21.5-23.8sec

Az = 180.0

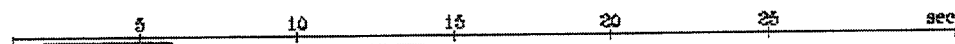
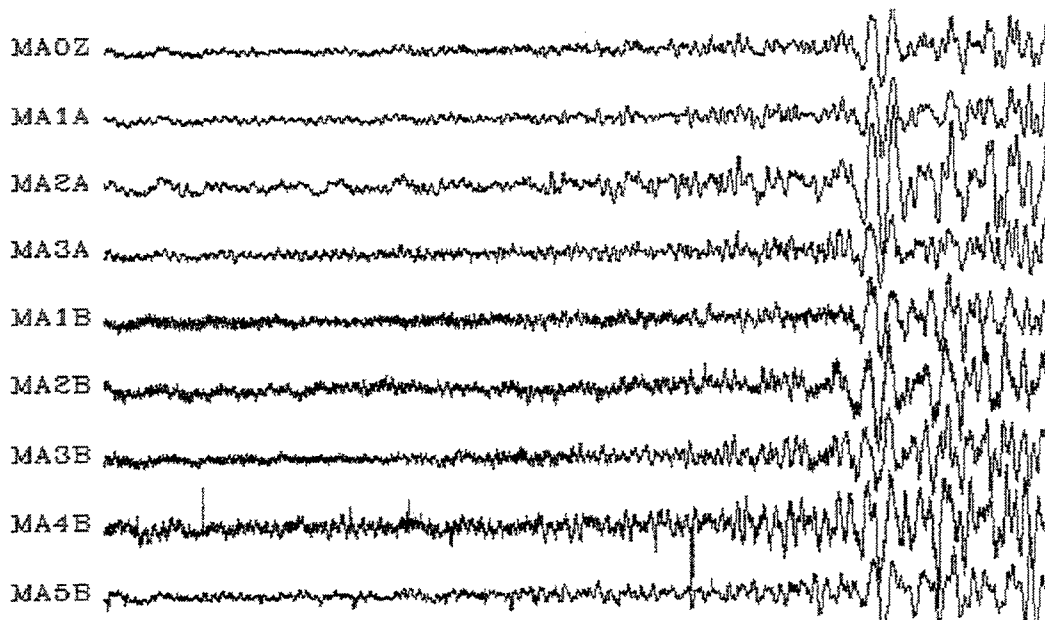
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Figure 37. F-k diagrams calculated for time windows of different lengths.

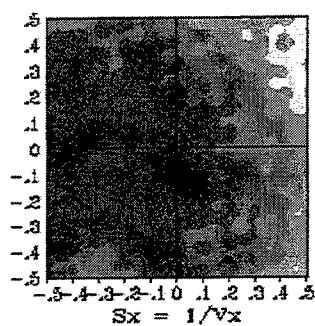
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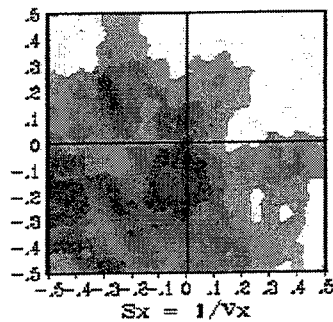


PHASE CORRELATION ANALYSIS



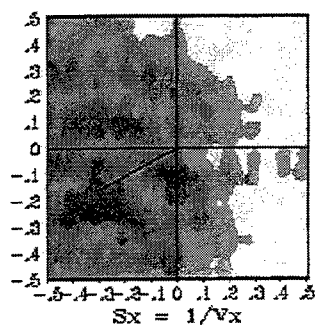
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Vapp = 2.9



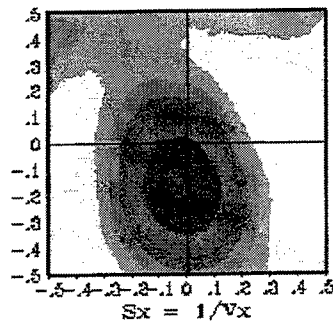
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Vapp = 2.9



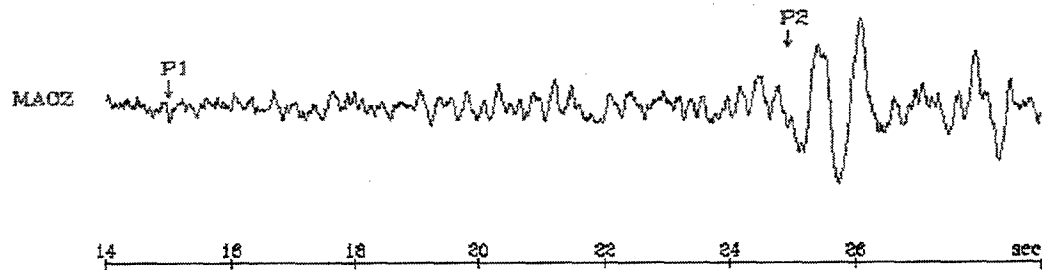
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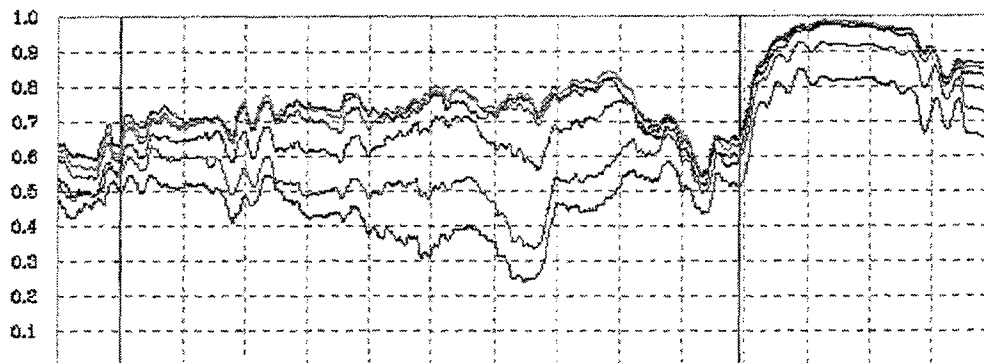
Figure 38. Phase correlation diagrams calculated for the seismic noise (1,2) and seismic signal (3,4) domains.

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Phase correlation



P-wave groups:

5.5 km/sec

6.2 km/sec

7.95 km/sec

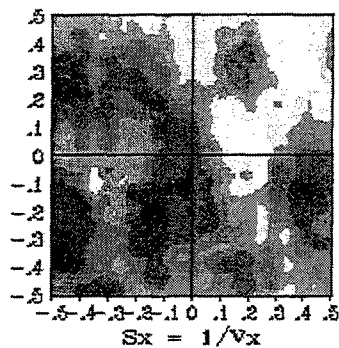
S-wave groups:

3.1 km/sec

3.6 km/sec

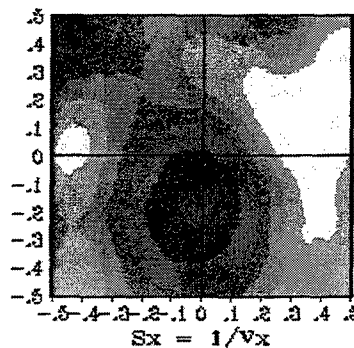
4.45 km/sec

PHASE CORRELATION ANALYSIS



P1:
15.0-15.3sec

Az = 189.5
Vapp = 8.2



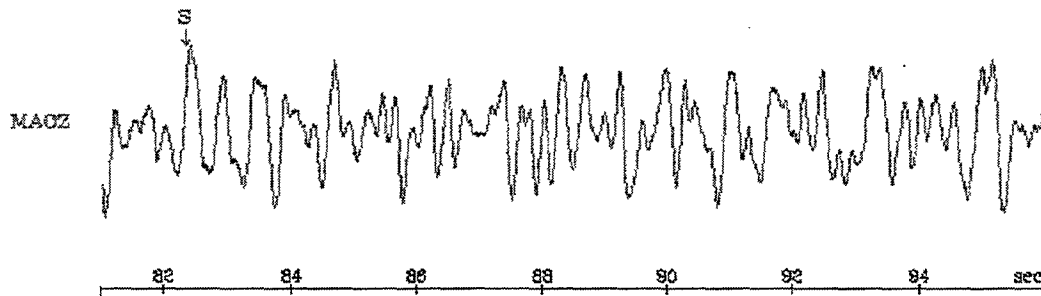
P2:
24.9-25.3sec

Az = 187.1
Vapp = 8.2

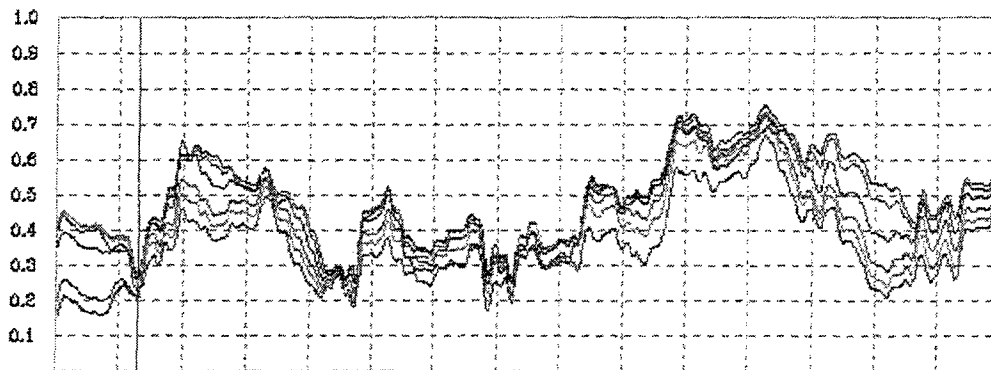
Figure 39. Arrival azimuth and apparent velocity determined for P1- and P2-onsets from the phase correlation diagrams.

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Gulf of Elat mb=4.3

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Phase correlation



P-wave groups:

5.5 km/sec

6.2 km/sec

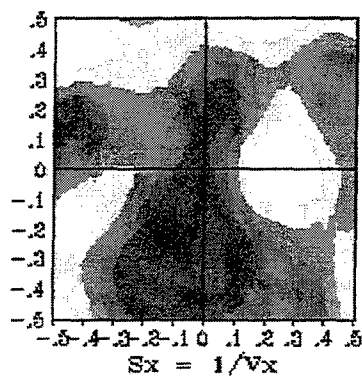
7.95 km/sec

S-wave groups:

3.1 km/sec

3.6 km/sec

4.45 km/sec



PHASE CORRELATION ANALYSIS (S-wave)

82.3-83.0sec

Az= 188.7

Vapp= 3.8 km/sec

Figure.40. Arrival azimuth and apparent velocity determined for S-onset from the phase correlation diagrams.

8. DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSIONS

The ISN regional seismograms and their corresponding spectra show three main features which were utilized for the construction of formal discriminants:

- a) As a rule earthquakes are much richer in high frequency (>6 Hz) energy than explosions.
- b) There is a clear train of low frequency Rg waves following body waves phases on the explosion seismograms.
- c) Smoothed spectra from explosions showed distinct minima and maxima, coherent for the ISN stations, located at different azimuths and distances.

At least the first two of the above may be attributed to:

1. Low frequency S and surface waves generated by shallow seismic events (mainly quarry blasts) and associated with the regional crustal structure of widespread unconsolidated subsurface sediments; and
2. low frequency reverberations generated by underwater explosions in the sea water layer.

The third feature is related more to the ripple-firing effect combined with symmetric radiation diagram which is characteristic to the explosion (actually, point) source.

Based on these observations, new discriminants having a large resolving power for Israel and surrounding areas were constructed:

- a) The seismic energy spectral ratio (R_E) between the low frequency (1-6 Hz) and the high frequency (6-11 Hz) bands.
- b) Group velocity statistics based on velogram analysis, characterizing kinematic properties of the S and surface wave phases.
- c) Spectral "semblance" and "cross-correlation" statistics measuring the coherency of smoothed spectra at different ISN stations.

The discriminants were tested on a large amount of data, 73 earthquakes and 139 explosions with ground truth information for quarry blasts and experimental single underwater shots from the different areas within the region. The statistics constructed efficiently utilized the advantage of the ISN as a Regional Dense Seismic Network (RDSN).

Ratio R_E for individual ISN stations, though efficient, showed overlapping of the earthquake and explosion populations due to path and site effects. Being averaged over a subnetwork of the ISN stations, its resolving power was enhanced and the two populations were separated with a 99% success rate for 173 events (excluding single quarry blasts, see Section 5).

The group velocity, very variable for individual stations, was fitted by the parametric function of distance in the range 10-350km. The "C" discriminant derived from estimates of the function parameters provided a 97% success rate for almost 140 events.

The spectral semblance statistics, utilizing azimuthal invariance of explosion spectra, appeared to be extremely efficient with a 99% success rate for 183 events.

We also tested the P/S type discriminant, derived from velograms, which worked only for some of the remote ($R > 100\text{km}$) stations and, when applied to the Galilee data set, was not as reliable as the discriminants mentioned above. Coda Q discriminant, albeit very promising, failed completely in our investigation, showing severe dependency on the signal-to-noise ratio.

The study based on the searching for physically approved discriminants, was complemented by testing of the multivariate procedures using the Integrative Approach. Three of them, CAP, LDF and ANN, were applied to the averaged rms of the Galilee events spectra in different frequency bands with a 99%, 99% and 100% success rate, correspondingly.

From observations and testing of discriminants we may conclude that much of the information related to identification of earthquakes and explosions in Israel is concentrated in the seismograms spectra and may be effectively extracted using the RDSN discriminants developed.

An important question is the transportability of spectral (and maybe velogram) discriminants to another region with a different geology-tectonic environment. Hence we propose to examine this on Norwegian data (recorded by the Bergen University Network) which were collected during a visit by Drs. V. Pinsky and Y. Gitterman to Bergen University.

As stated above, further investigations associated with a seismic micro-array will depend on the availability of funds, but we are optimistic.

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Concerning your fax dated June 26, 1995, requesting some information on 20-30 quarry blasts, please find herewith the information you need in your study of discrimination of seismic sources.

I wish that cooperation with you will develop in the future.

Yours sincerely,

Abdel-Qader Amrat

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